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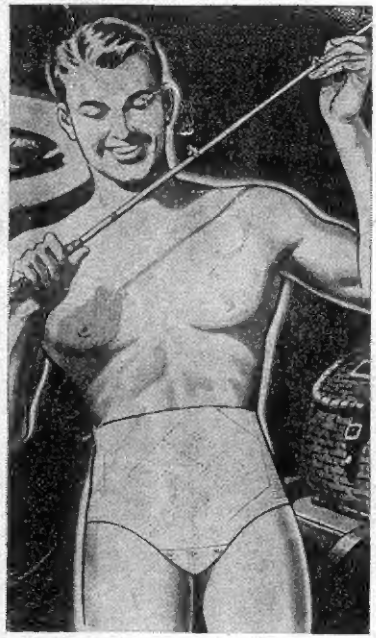

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WHEN A MAN LIVES WITH HATE... DEATH CAN COME IN MANY WAYS!
STORY by

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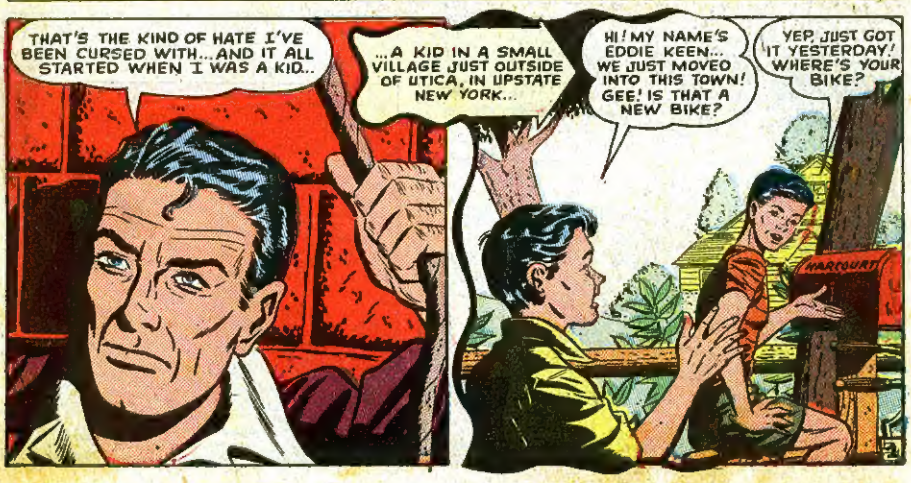
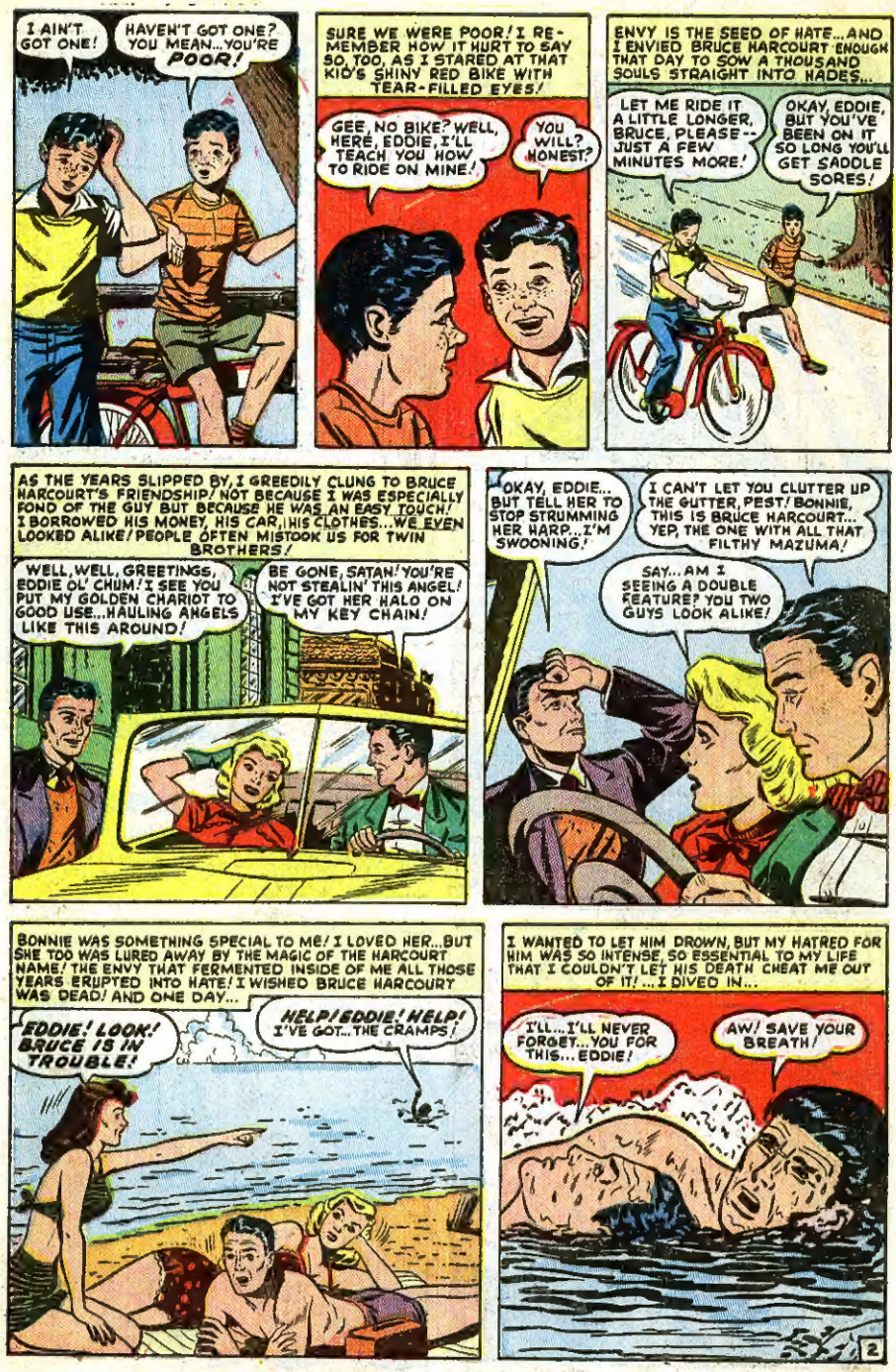

THAT'S THE KIND OF HATE I'VE BEEN CURSED WITH...AND IT ALL STARTED WHEN I WAS A KID..
...A KID IN A SMALL VILLAGE JUST OUTSIDE OF UTICA, IN UPSTATE NEW YORK...
HI! MY NAME'S EDDIE KEEN... WE JUST MOVED INTO THIS TOWN! GEE! IS THAT A NEW BIKE?
YEP, JUST GOT IT YESTERDAY! WHERE'S YOUR BIKE?
HARLEY


I AIN'T GOT ONE!
HAVEN'T GOT ONE? YOU MEAN...YOU'RE POOR!
SURE WE WERE POOR! I REMEMBER HOW IT HURT TO SAY SO, TOO, AS I STARED AT THAT KID'S SHINY RED BIKE WITH TEAR-FILLED EYES!
GEE, NO BIKE? WELL, HERE, EDDIE, I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO RIDE ON MINE!
YOU WILL? HONEST?
ENVY IS THE SEED OF HATE...AND I ENVIED BRUCE HARCOURT ENOUGH THAT DAY TO SOW A THOUSAND SOULS STRAIGHT INTO HADES...
LET ME RIDE IT A LITTLE LONGER, BRUCE, PLEASE--JUST A FEW MINUTES MORE!
OKAY, EDDIE, BUT YOU'VE BEEN ON IT SO LONG YOU'LL GET SADDLE SORES!
AS THE YEARS SLIPPED BY, I GREEDILY CLUNG TO BRUCE HARCOURT'S FRIENDSHIP! NOT BECAUSE I WAS ESPECIALLY FOND OF THE GUY BUT BECAUSE HE WAS AN EASY TOUCH! I BORROWED HIS MONEY, HIS CAR, HIS CLOTHES...WE EVEN LOOKED ALIKE! PEOPLE OFTEN MISTOOK US FOR TWIN BROTHERS!
WELL, WELL, GREETINGS, EDDIE OL' CHUM! I SEE YOU PUT MY GOLDEN CHARIOT TO GOOD USE...HAULING ANGELS LIKE THIS AROUND!
BE GONE, SATAN! YOU'RE NOT STEALIN' THIS ANGEL! I'VE GOT HER HALO ON MY KEY CHAIN!
OKAY, EDDIE... BUT TELL HER TO STOP STRUMMING HER HARP...I'M SWOONING!
I CAN'T LET YOU CLUTTER UP THE GUTTER, PEST! BONNIE, THIS IS BRUCE HARCOURT... YEP, THE ONE WITH ALL THAT FILTHY MAZUMA!
SAY...AM I SEEING A DOUBLE FEATURE? YOU TWO GUYS LOOK ALIKE!
BONNIE WAS SOMETHING SPECIAL TO ME! I LOVED HER...BUT SHE TOO WAS LURED AWAY BY THE MAGIC OF THE HARCOURT NAME! THE ENVY THAT FERMENTED INSIDE OF ME ALL THOSE YEARS ERUPTED INTO HATE! I WISHED BRUCE HARCOURT WAS DEAD! AND ONE DAY...
EDDIE! LOOK! BRUCE IS IN TROUBLE!
HELP! EDDIE! HELP! I'VE GOT...THE CRAMPS!
I WANTED TO LET HIM DROWN, BUT MY HATRED FOR HIM WAS SO INTENSE, SO ESSENTIAL TO MY LIFE THAT I COULDN'T LET HIS DEATH CHEAT ME OUT OF IT! ...I DIVED IN...
I'LL...I'LL NEVER FORGET...YOU FOR THIS...EDDIE!
AW! SAVE YOUR BREATH!
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A FEW MONTHS LATER BONNIE LEFT FOR COLLEGE...AND BY A CONVENIENT COINCIDENCE BRUCE ENROLLED IN THE SAME SCHOOL! ME...? REMEMBER I SAID THAT MY FOLKS WERE POOR...
GOOD-BYE, EDDIE! I DO WISH YOU WERE COMING WITH US!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
WORK... THAT'S A NASTY WORD BRUCE... ONE YOU'RE NOT TOO FAMILIAR WITH!
THE SWEAT OF BRUCE'S HANDSHAKE WAS STILL MOIST ON MY PALM AND BONNIE'S KISS BURNED ON MY CHEEK EVEN WHEN THE TRAIN WAS GONE! I WALKED AWAY... LONELY WITHOUT MY LOVE... LONELY WITHOUT MY HATE...
THERE AREN'T MANY JOBS AROUND A SMALL TOWN, AND BESIDES, THE PLACE WAS GETTING ON MY NERVES... SO WHEN A CIRCUS HIT UTICA, I JOINED UP AS A ROUSTABOUT...
COME ON, BOYS! LAY IT ON! WE'VE GOT TO GET THE BIG-TOP UP BY SIX THIS MORNING!
I DID A LOT OF TRAVELIN' AND GOT TO KNOW ALL OF THE CIRCUS FOLKS/OLD MAN GIOVANNI, OF THE FLYING GIOVANNI FAMILY, TOOK A SPECIAL LIKIN' TO ME...
'ELLO, EDDIE! I WAS JUSTA TALKIN' WITH MAMA GIOVANNI 'BOUTA YOU...
I KNOW, YOU THINK I'VE GOT A LOVELY FIGURE AND YOU'D LIKE TO SEE ME IN TIGHTS! OR ELSE YOU CAUGHT ME TRYIN' TO DATE THE TRAINED SEALS!
HEY, THAT'SA RIGHT, EDDIE! HOW'D YOU KNOW?
WHAT? YOU MEAN I DID TRY TO DATE THE SEALS? WHICH ONE?
NO! NO! EDDIE! NO MAKE THE FUN... PLEASE! MAMA SAY SHE SEE YOU PRACTICE ON THE TRAPEZE SOM'A-TIMES! SHE LIKE WHATTA YOU DO! YOU WANNA LEARN ACROBATICS? I, THE GREAT GIOVANNI, TEACH YOU!
OKAY, PAPA! I THE NOT-SO-GREAT EDDIE KEEN... ACCEPT!
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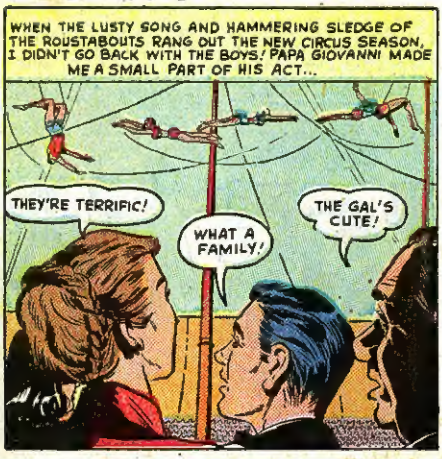
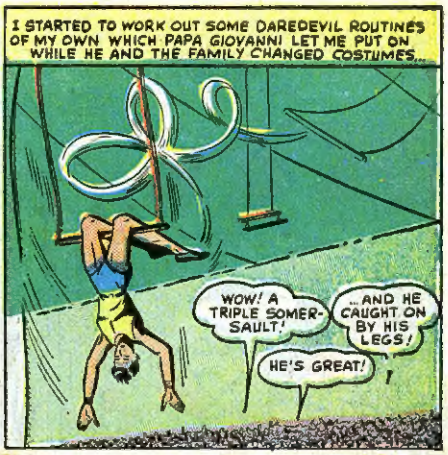
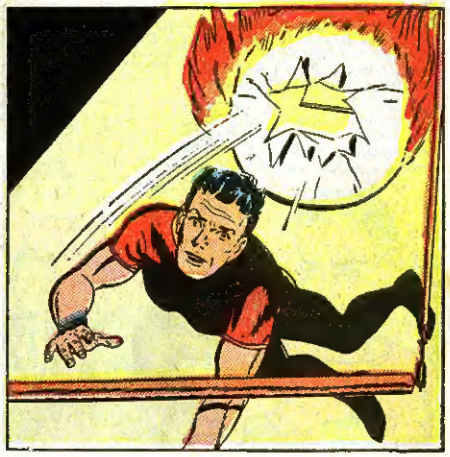
WHEN WE LAID OVER IN FLORIDA FOR THE WINTER, PAPA GIOVANNI AND HIS WHOLE FAMILY GOT TOGETHER TO MAKE AN ACROBAT OUT OF ME! MAYBE THE REASON I WANTED TO LEARN WAS MARIA... HIS PRETTY DAUGHTER...
HOKAY, EDDIE! FIRSTA THING WE TEACHA YOU THE A B C'S OF ACROBATICS... TUMBLING! MARIA, THAT'SA YOU, DEPARTMENT!
ALL RIGHT, PAPA! ARE YOU READY, EDDIE?
READY OR NOT, I WAS TOSSED, TWISTED, BUMPED AND BENT IN EVERY DIRECTION... EVERY DAY FOR MONTHS! THEY TAUGHT ME PROPER BREATHIN', B[illegible]ICE, TIMIN', HOW TO TAKE A FALL WITHOUT GETTIN' HURT... EVERYTHIN'...
YOU'VE DONE WONDERFULLY DURING THE PAST MONTHS, EDDIE! YOU'RE A BORN ACROBAT!
MARIA, THERE'S SOMETHIN' I...
COME ON, EDDIE TODAY I PUSHA YOU UPA STAIRS ON THE HIGH TRAPEZE!
KEEP A YOUR MIND ON THE TIMING... THAT'S A IMPORT! DON'TA WORRY 'BOUT THE FALL... WE GOTTA THE NET! READY?
READY!
MISSED!
YOU TOO ANXIOUS, EDDIE! YOU COME TOO FAST AN' TOO SOON! WE TRY AGAIN!
SURE, SURE, PAPA... IF I EVER STOP BOUNCIN'!
FALLIN' HARMLESSLY INTO THAT NET THE FIRST TIME INSTEAD OF SMASHIN' INTO THE GROUND GAVE ME CONFIDENCE! THE NEXT TIME UP I CONCENTRATED ON PROPER TIMIN' AND...
GOOD BOY, EDDIE THAT WAS PERFECT!

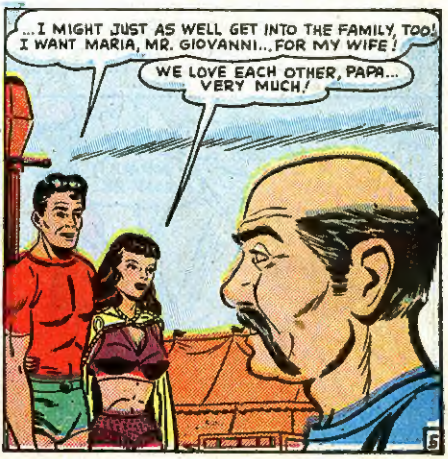

WHEN THE LUSTY SONG AND HAMMERING SLEDGE OF THE ROUSTABOUTS RANG OUT THE NEW CIRCUS SEASON, I DIDN'T GO BACK WITH THE BOYS! PAPA GIOVANNI MADE ME A SMALL PART OF HIS ACT...
THEY'RE TERRIFIC!
WHAT A FAMILY!
THE GAL'S CUTE!


I STARTED TO WORK OUT SOME DAREDEVIL ROUTINES OF MY OWN WHICH PAPA GIOVANNI LET ME PUT ON WHILE HE AND THE FAMILY CHANGED COSTUMES...
WOW! A TRIPLE SOMER-SAULT!
...AND HE CAUGHT ON BY HIS LEGS!
HE'S GREAT!

...AND IN THIS DEATH-DEFYING FEAT, THE DAREDEVIL WILL LEAP FROM THE HIGH TRAPEZE, THROUGH THE FLAMING "HOOP OF HADES" AND CATCH ON TO THE OTHER TRAPEZE WITH ONE HAND!



EDDIE, WE ALL PROUD OF YOU! THOSE SPECIAL ACTS OF YOURS ARE MAGNIFICO! HOW CAN I THANKA YOU? ANYTHING YOU WANT... JOOSTA ASK!
OKAY, PAPA! SINCE I'M ALREADY IN THE ACT...


...I MIGHT JUST AS WELL GET INTO THE FAMILY, TOO! I WANT MARIA, MR. GIOVANNI... FOR MY WIFE!
WE LOVE EACH OTHER, PAPA... VERY MUCH!

MARIA WAS A WONDERFUL WIFE...AND A YEAR LATER SHE GAVE ME A FINE SON! I WAS THE HAPPIEST GUY UNDER THE BIG TOP!
AH, SUCH FINE ARMS ...STRONG LEGS...
HEY, PAPA GIOVANNI! CUT IT OUT! LITTLE ARTURO WILL HAVE TO WEAR OUT A LOT OF DIAPERS BEFORE YOU START SQUEEZIN' HIM INTO A PAIR OF SILK TIGHTS!
WHEN THE KID WAS OLD ENOUGH TO WALK, MARIA JOINED THE ACT AGAIN! WE WERE A TERRIFIC TEAM... EVEN IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF. ONE WEEK-END WE PITCHED THE CANVAS IN ROME, NEW YORK...A FEW MILES FROM UTICA, AND...
EDDIE! EDDIE KEEN! YOU OLD SON-OF-A-GUN! OR SHOULD I CALL YOU WHAT THE BILLBOARDS DO... EDWARDO THE GREAT?
BRUCE! BONNIE! W-WHAT'RE YOU TWO DOIN' HERE?
AS I SPOKE THERE WAS A MUFFLED EXPLOSION IN THE PIT OF MY STOMACH...AND THE OLD ENVY AND HATE POURED OUT INSIDE OF ME! YESTERDAY BECAME TODAY...WHAT I DIDN'T RECALL, MY HEART DID, AND I TREMBLED WITH BITTERNESS...
THEN YOU'RE JUST IN TIME TO CATCH OUR ACT! COME, MARIA!
EDDIE, THAT MAN! HE...HE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE YOU! IS HE YOUR BROTHER? WHY DIDN'T YOU INTRODUCE ME?
BUT, EDDIE...
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! THE MAIN ATTRACTION OF THE EVENING...INTRODUCING EDWARDO THE GREAT AND HIS WIFE, PERFORMING ON THE HIGH TRAPEZE... WITHOUT A NET!
CIRCUS
THE CROWD IN THE BIG-TENT HUSHED DOWN! THE RISING ROLL OF THE SNARE-DRUMS ROSE FROM A WHISPER AND SEARCHED FOR A CLIMAX! MY HANDS WERE DAMP WITH SWEAT...MY ARMS WERE LIMP...MY EYES BLIND WITH ENVY AND HATE...
EDDIE! YOUR ARMS! EDDIE!
HUH? WHAT TH...
OH-HHH-HH!
MARIA! OH... MARIA!
HE MISSED HER!
THERE'S NO NET!
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EDDIE...PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF OUR SON...I...I...!
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT! YOU KILLED HER!
MAMA! MAMA!

EDDIE! STOP!

AFTER MARIA DIED I DIDN'T HAVE THE NERVE TO TAKE TO THE TRAPEZE AGAIN! FOR OVER A YEAR I DID NOTHING BUT HATE...HATE...HATE!
EDWARDO, PLEASE! TRY...JOOSTA ONCE MORE!
IT'S NO USE, PAPA! I SEE HER GHOST UP THERE IN THE BIG TOP EVERYTIME I LOOK UP! I'M LEAVING TOMORROW...WITH ARTURO!

I HAD A LITTLE DOUGH STASHED AWAY SO THE KID AND I JUST TRAVELLED FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS! WHEN WE STOPPED, WE WERE IN CALIFORNIA...
...AND WHILE YOU'RE IN SCHOOL, GETTIN' AN EDUCATION, SON... I HOPE I'M GETTIN' A JOB!
WHY DON'T YOU TRY THE MOVIE STUDIOS, DAD? MAYBE THEY'LL MAKE YOU A MOVIE STAR!

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MOUTHS OF BABES...OR SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT... SO I TRIED THE STUDIOS FOR WEEKS, AND FINALLY...
ACROBAT? SAY A CALL JUST CAME IN FOR ONE! HERE'S A PASS...STUDIO B!
THANKS, BUDDY!

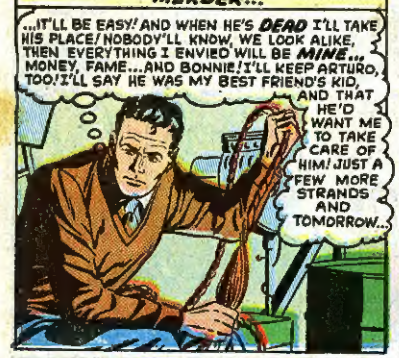
WHAT? YOU'RE THE STUNT STAND-IN FOR GILBERT GILMORE?
I DON'T KNOW! CASTING SAID YOU WANTED AN ACROBAT! IS IT SO HARD TO BELIEVE THAT I'M ONE?

IT SURE IS, MISTER, WHEN THIS IS THE MAN YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO THE STUNTS FOR...OUR NEWEST STAR, GILBERT GILMORE!
HELLO, EDDIE!

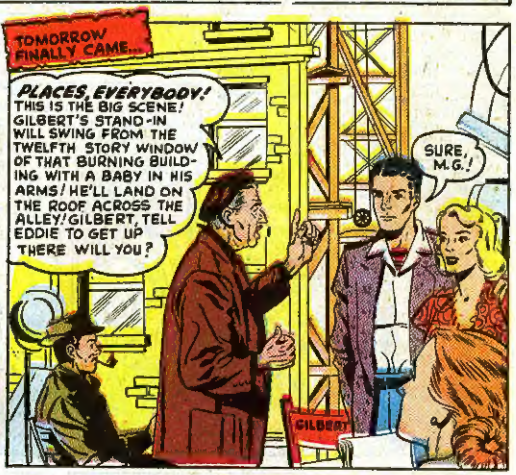
YEP, IT WAS BRUCE HARCOURT, HOLLYWOOD'S BIG FIND OF 1951! EVERYTHING BROKE RIGHT FOR THAT GUY...HE HAD DOUGH, MARRIED MY GIRL...AND NOW THIS! BECAUSE WE LOOKED ALIKE, THEY MADE ME HIS STAND-IN DOUBLE! I TOOK THE CHANCES...HE GOT THE FAN MAIL! REMEMBER THOSE ACTION SCENES FROM HIS LATEST MOVIES, "BATTLE IN KOREA", "SHOOTIN' IRON" AND "BLACK GOLD?" THAT WASN'T GILBERT GILMORE...THAT WAS ME!

I HATED HIS GUTS! MY BODY SHOOK AND MY BRAIN ROLLED WITH THE BEAT OF SNARE-DRUMS EVERYTIME I SAW HIM! MY HATRED FOR HIM WAS VICIOUS, VIOLENT...INSIDE OF ME! IT WAS THE KIND OF BLACK HATE THAT MADE YOU THINK OF MURDER...

...IT'LL BE EASY! AND WHEN HE'S DEAD I'LL TAKE HIS PLACE! NOBODY'LL KNOW, WE LOOK ALIKE, THEN EVERYTHING I ENVIED WILL BE MINE... MONEY, FAME...AND BONNIE! I'LL KEEP ARTURO, TOO! I'LL SAY HE WAS MY BEST FRIEND'S KID, AND THAT HE'D WANT ME TO TAKE CARE OF HIM! JUST A FEW MORE STRANDS AND TOMORROW...



TOMORROW FINALLY CAME...


PLACES, EVERYBODY! THIS IS THE BIG SCENE! GILBERT'S STAND-IN WILL SWING FROM THE TWELFTH STORY WINDOW OF THAT BURNING BUILDING WITH A BABY IN HIS ARMS! HE'LL LAND ON THE ROOF ACROSS THE ALLEY! GILBERT, TELL EDDIE TO GET UP THERE WILL YOU?
SURE, M.G.!
GILBERT

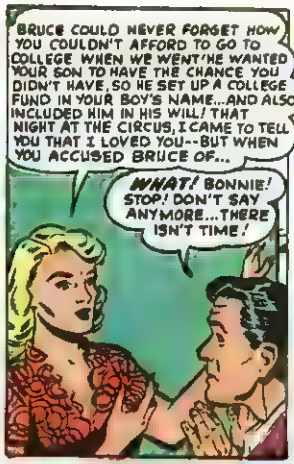
I CAN'T BRUCE, I SPRAINED MY ANKLE!

TOO BAD, EDDIE! THAT MEANS THEY'LL HAVE TO DELAY SHOOTING!

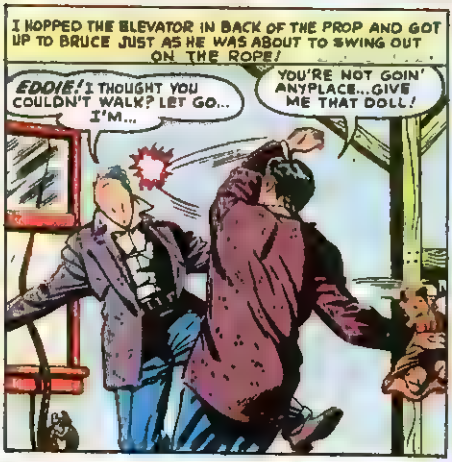
THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO IF YOU WERE MAN ENOUGH TO PULL YOUR OWN STUNT JUST ONCE! BUT YOU HAVEN'T GOT THE GUTS, MAMA'S BOY... YOU'RE PLAIN DIRTY-YELLOW, BRUCE!

IT WORKED! I SAW ANGER BULGE THE VEINS IN HIS NECK AND SWELL HIS NOSTRILS! WITHOUT A WORD HE TURNED AND HEADED FOR THE TENEMENT PROP...

I WATCHED AS HE TOOK THE ELEVATOR! MY HATRED SLOWLY LIFTED HIM TO HIS DEATH! I HEARD FOOTSTEPS BEHIND ME ...IT WAS BONNIE...
I COULDN'T HELP HEARING YOU AND BRUCE, EDDIE! YOU KNOW HE CAN DO THAT STUNT...BUT YOU'RE HOPING SOMETHING GOES WRONG! WHY, EDDIE? WHY DO YOU HATE HIM SO MUCH? HE THINKS THE WORLD OF YOU. .ALWAYS DID! HE'S THE ONE THAT GOT YOU THE JOB HERE!

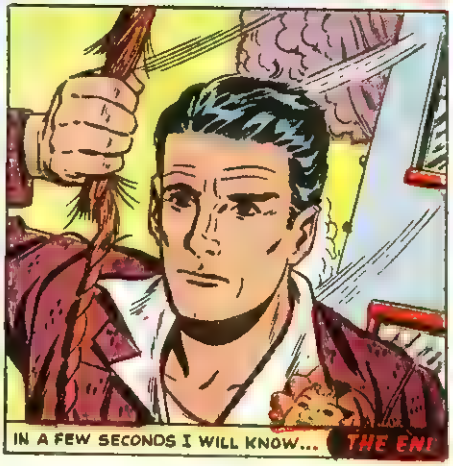

BRUCE COULD NEVER FORGET HOW YOU COULDN'T AFFORD TO GO TO COLLEGE WHEN WE WENT! HE WANTED YOUR SON TO HAVE THE CHANCE YOU DIDN'T HAVE, SO HE SET UP A COLLEGE FUND IN YOUR BOY'S NAME...AND ALSO INCLUDED HIM IN HIS WILL! THAT NIGHT AT THE CIRCUS, I CAME TO TELL YOU THAT I LOVED YOU--BUT WHEN YOU ACCUSED BRUCE OF...
WHAT! BONNIE! STOP! DON'T SAY ANYMORE...THERE ISN'T TIME!

EVERYTHING IS MY FAULT... MINE! THAT BLACK HATE POISONED ME.. BLINDED ME! I'VE GOT TO STOP BRUCE...BEFORE... BEFORE...


I HOPPED THE ELEVATOR IN BACK OF THE PROP AND GOT UP TO BRUCE JUST AS HE WAS ABOUT TO SWING OUT ON THE ROPE!
EDDIE! I THOUGHT YOU COULDN'T WALK? LET GO... I'M...
YOU'RE NOT GOIN' ANYPLACE...GIVE ME THAT DOLL!

OKAY! ROLL 'EM!

IF THIS ROPE BREAKS, I'LL GET WHAT I DESERVE... DEATH! IF IT HOLDS.. I'LL KNOW THAT THE GREAT POWER THAT GOVERNS OUR LIVES HAS FORGIVEN ME FOR MY... BLACK HATE!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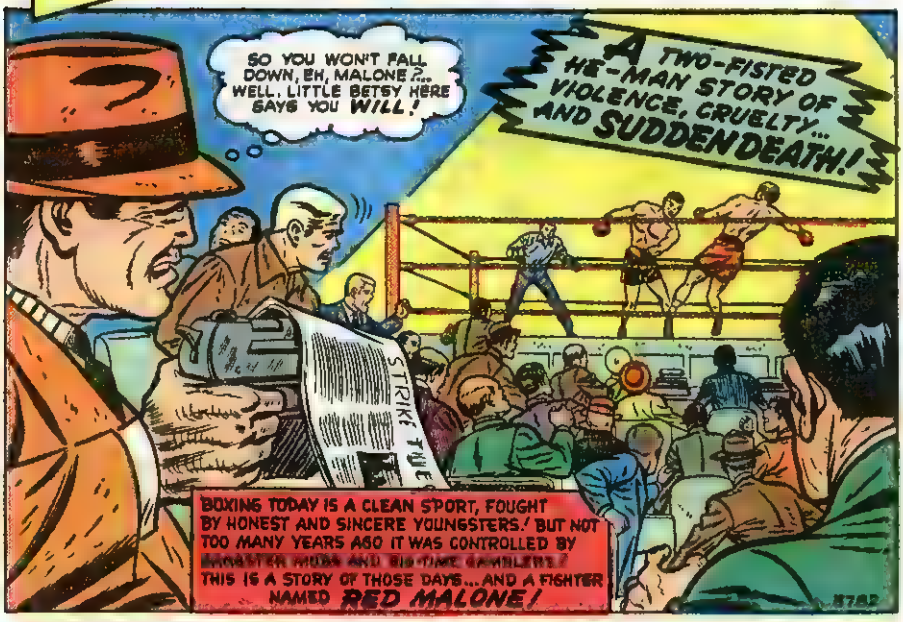
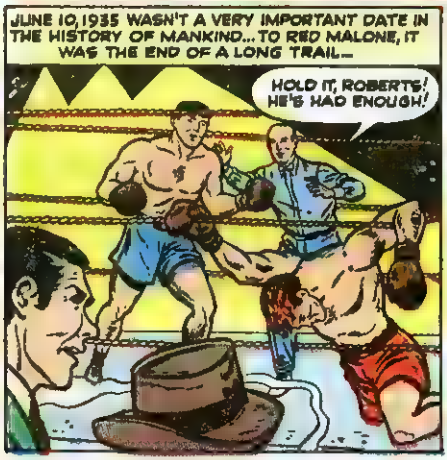
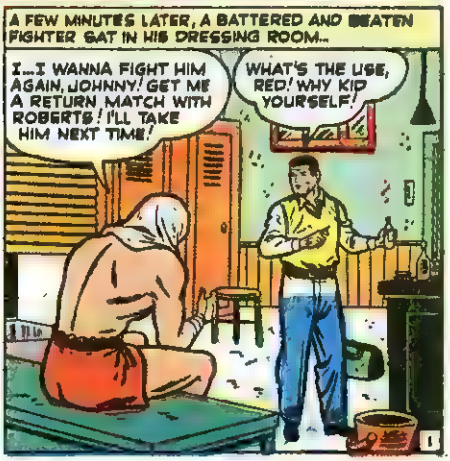
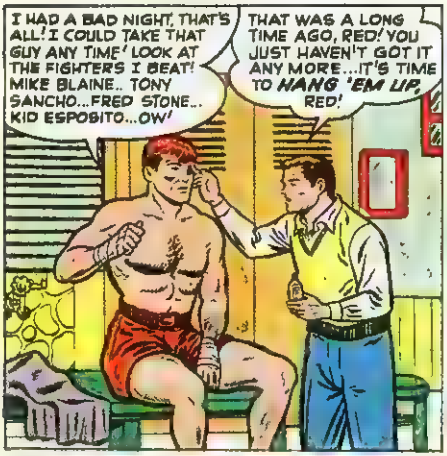
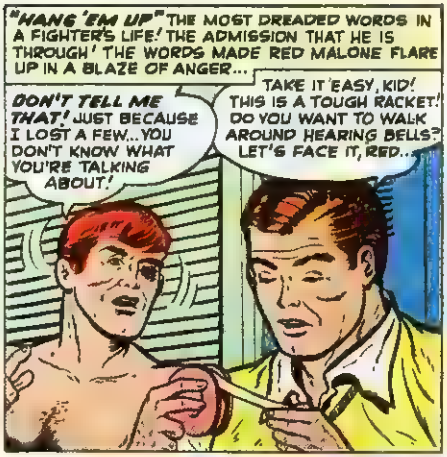
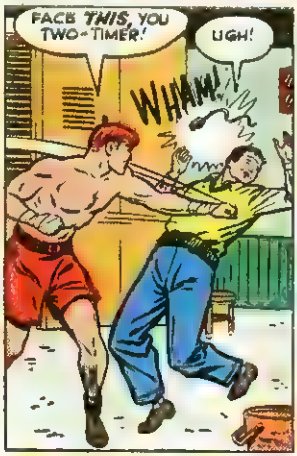

SO YOU WON'T FALL DOWN, EH, MALONE?... WELL, LITTLE BETSY HERE SAYS YOU WILL!
A TWO-FISTED HE-MAN STORY OF VIOLENCE, CRUELTY... AND SUDDEN DEATH!
STRIKE TIME
BOXING TODAY IS A CLEAN SPORT, FOUGHT BY HONEST AND SINCERE YOUNGSTERS! BUT NOT TOO MANY YEARS AGO IT WAS CONTROLLED BY [illegible] THIS IS A STORY OF THOSE DAYS... AND A FIGHTER NAMED RED MALONE!

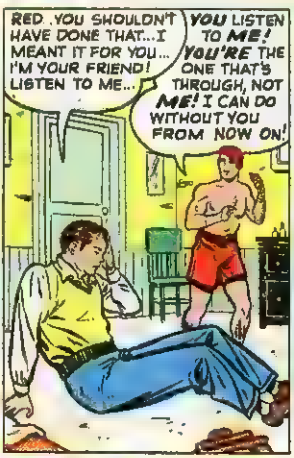

JUNE 10, 1935 WASN'T A VERY IMPORTANT DATE IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND... TO RED MALONE, IT WAS THE END OF A LONG TRAIL—
HOLD IT, ROBERTS! HE'S HAD ENOUGH!

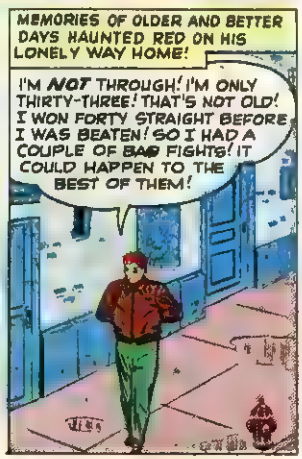

A FEW MINUTES LATER, A BATTERED AND BEATEN FIGHTER SAT IN HIS DRESSING ROOM...
I...I WANNA FIGHT HIM AGAIN, JOHNNY! GET ME A RETURN MATCH WITH ROBERTS! I'LL TAKE HIM NEXT TIME!
WHAT'S THE USE, RED! WHY KID YOURSELF!

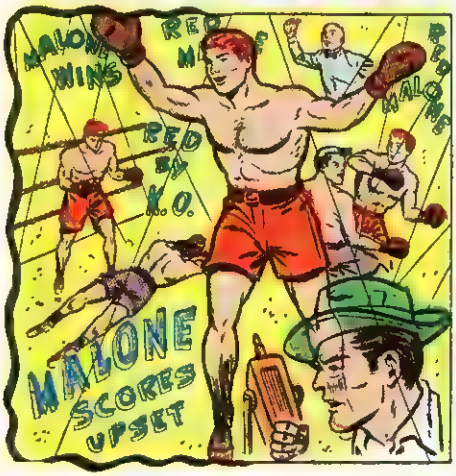

I HAD A BAD NIGHT, THAT'S ALL! I COULD TAKE THAT GUY ANY TIME! LOOK AT THE FIGHTERS I BEAT! MIKE BLAINE.. TONY SANCHO...FRED STONE.. KID ESPOBITO...OW!
THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO, RED! YOU JUST HAVEN'T GOT IT ANY MORE...IT'S TIME TO HANG 'EM UP, RED!


"HANG 'EM UP" THE MOST DREADED WORDS IN A FIGHTER'S LIFE! THE ADMISSION THAT HE IS THROUGH! THE WORDS MADE RED MALONE FLARE UP IN A BLAZE OF ANGER...
DON'T TELL ME THAT! JUST BECAUSE I LOST A FEW...YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
TAKE IT EASY, KID! THIS IS A TOUGH RACKET! DO YOU WANT TO WALK AROUND HEARING BELLS? LET'S FACE IT, RED...


FACE THIS, YOU TWO-TIMER!
UGH!
WHAM!


RED..YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT...I MEANT IT FOR YOU... I'M YOUR FRIEND! LISTEN TO ME...
YOU LISTEN TO ME! YOU'RE THE ONE THAT'S THROUGH, NOT ME! I CAN DO WITHOUT YOU FROM NOW ON!


MEMORIES OF OLDER AND BETTER DAYS HAUNTED RED ON HIS LONELY WAY HOME!
I'M NOT THROUGH! I'M ONLY THIRTY-THREE! THAT'S NOT OLD! I WON FORTY STRAIGHT BEFORE I WAS BEATEN! SO I HAD A COUPLE OF BAD FIGHTS! IT COULD HAPPEN TO THE BEST OF THEM!


MALONE WINS
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RED K.O.
MALONE SCORES UPSET

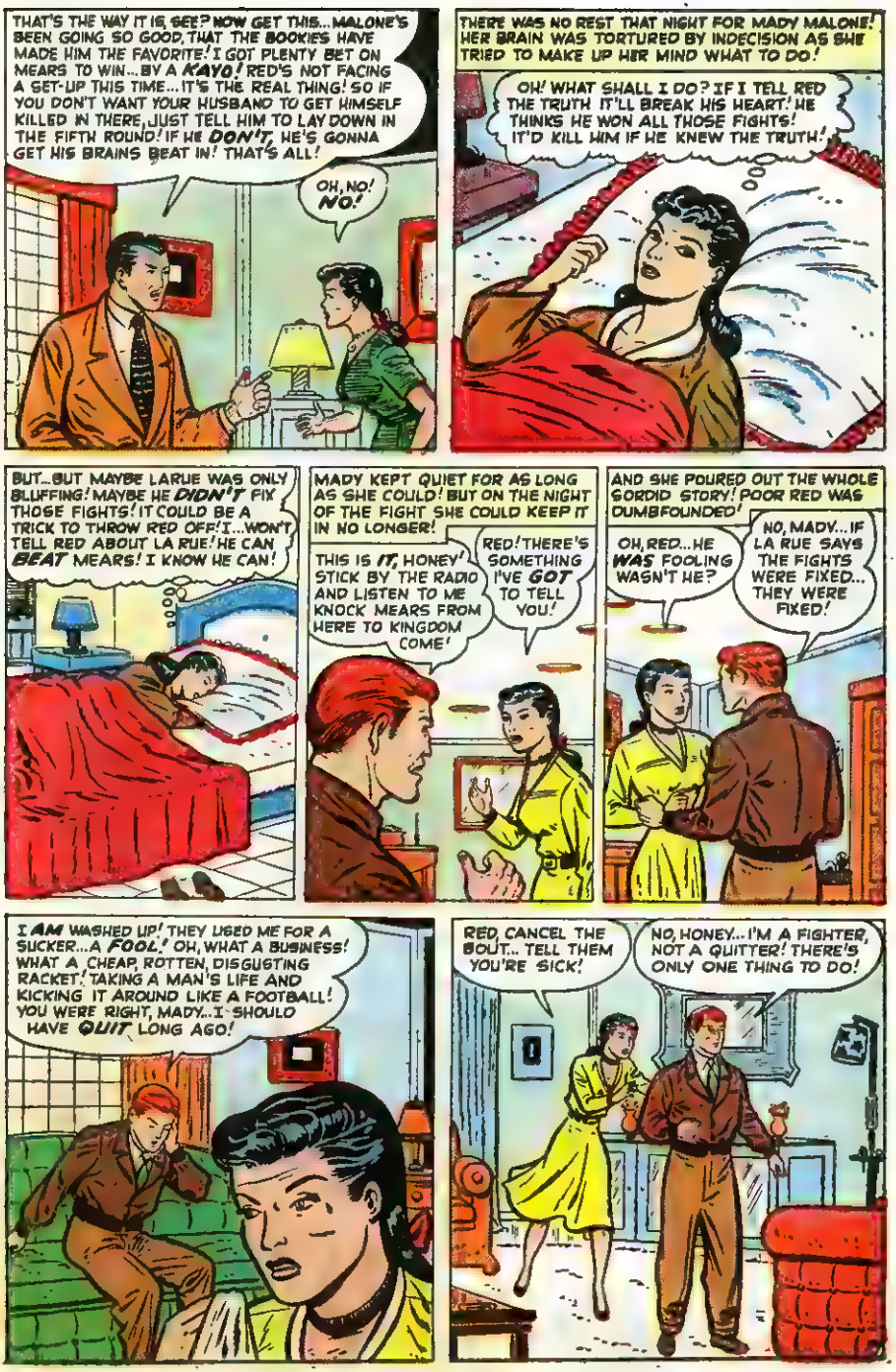
IT WAS JUST A YEAR AGO, THAT I FOUGHT YOUNG LEROY! HE WASN'T EVEN DRY BEHIND THE EARS! I WAS SURE I HAD THE DECISION!
THE WINNAH! YOUNG LEROY!
WHA...HE DIDN'T LAY A GLOVE ON ME! I WAS CHASING HIM ALL OVER THE RING!

THAT DEFEAT BROKE MY LUCK! I JUST COULDN'T WIN A BOUT AFTER THAT! KIDS... FRESH... YOUNG... FAST... THEY DANCED AROUND ME LIKE GRASS-HOPPERS! AFRAID TO MIX IT UP... BEATING ME ON POINTS!
RED MALONE COULDN'T FACE THE FACTS! THE BOUTS HE WAS IN WEREN'T CONTESTS! THEY WERE MERCILESS, SAVAGE BEATING METED OUT TO AN OLD WASHED-UP HAS-BEEN! ONLY HOPE AND A FIGHTING HEART HAD KEPT RED GOING!
WHAM!
BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE HE HAD TO FACE... THE SENSIBLE LOGIC OF HIS WIFE...
MADY... I I... LOST!
I KNOW, DEAR... I HEARD THE LAST ROUND ON THE RADIO!
SUDDENLY THE DEFEATED PUGILIST BROKE DOWN! ALL HIS COURAGE FELL OFF LIKE A THIN VENEER! FOR MADY WAS ONE PERSON HE COULDN'T FOOL, AND IN HER LOVING ARMS, HE SOUGHT COMFORT!
MADY! OH, MADY! WHY CAN'T I WIN ANY MORE? WHY? WHY?
THERE, THERE, DARLING! IT DOESN'T MATTER! YOU CAN TRY SOMETHING ELSE!
WHAT ELSE? WHAT ELSE DO I KNOW? I WAS FIGHTING SINCE I WAS FIFTEEN! THAT'S ALL I KNOW! WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO, DRIVE A TRUCK? ME, RED MALONE?
OH, RED! RED! YOU'RE ALL UPSET, DEAR!
YOU BET I'M UPSET! IT WAS ALL RIGHT WHEN I WAS ON TOP! BUT NOW, EVERYBODY'S AGAINST ME! MY MANAGER, AND MOST IMPORTANT, MY WIFE!
BUT YOU ARE OLDER, DARLING! CAN'T YOU REALIZE, YOU CAN'T GO ON FOREVER... NO ONE CAN!
RED'S DESPAIR MADE HIM BLIND TO THE FACTS! EVERY WORD GOADED HIM TO FURY, UNTIL...
I'M NO GOOD FOR YOU ANY MORE! WASHED UP, AM I? WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT! GOOD-BYE, MADY!

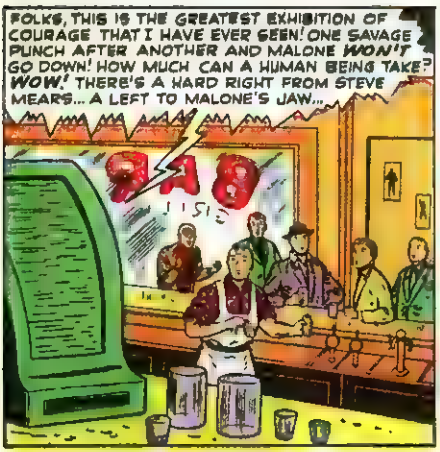
OH, MY DARLING, MY DARLING! GO AHEAD! MAYBE THIS WILL BRING YOU TO YOUR SENSES! THEN COME BACK... I'LL BE WAITING!
ONCE YOU HAD HOPES OF BEING THE CHAMPION, BUT THAT'S ALL OVER NOW! THE GLAMOUR OF THE RING... THE ROAR OF THE CROWD... IT'S GONE! NOTHING'S LEFT BUT THE MEMORIES OF BEATINGS! OH, RED, RED! WHERE WILL THIS ALL END?
BITTER, AND ALONE, RED MALONE RENTED A FURNISHED ROOM ON WEST 46TH STREET, RESTED UP FOR A WEEK, AND THEN WENT INTO A LOCAL GYM!
HOW ABOUT BOOKING ME FOR THE PLAZA ARENA, SLATS! I'M READY TO GO AGAIN!
NO... SORRY, RED! I'M ALL BOOKED UP!
HEY, SLATS! C'MERE FOR A MINUTE!
THE MAN WHO CALLED SLATS OVER WAS GARSON LA RUE, THE CROOKED POWER BEHIND MANY A FIXED FIGHT! SO FAR HE HAD MANAGED TO STAY CLEAR OF THE POLICE! AMONG CERTAIN SHADY PROMOTERS HIS WISH WAS AN ORDER... HIS WORD... LAW!
BUT GARSON, HE'S ALL WASHED UP! HE WOULDN'T DRAW FLIES!
BOOK MALONE, I SAID! HE FIGHTS ROCKO A WEEK FROM FRIDAY!
SAY, RED, I JUST FOUND OUT THAT ONE OF MY BOYS GOT SICK, SUDDENLY! CAN YOU GO ON FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE PLAZA ARENA?
SURE, SLATS, SURE! I'M ALWAYS IN SHAPE... YOU KNOW THAT! I'LL GIVE YOU A GOOD FIGHT!
ON JUNE 24TH, RED MALONE, FOUGHT PHIL ROCKO! BUT UNKNOWN TO HIM, THE OUTCOME WAS DECIDED BEFORE THE BOUT WAS FOUGHT!
MAKE IT LOOK GOOD, PHIL!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, LEFTY!
TO EVERYONE'S SURPRISE, INCLUDING HIS OWN, RED'S PUNCHES LANDED SOLIDLY... ROCKO SEEMED TO HAVE NO DEFENSE AGAINST HIS ATTACK...
THROUGH AM I? WASHED UP, EH? DOES THIS LOOK LIKE I'M FINISHED?
WHAM!

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER A YEAR, RED MALONE HAD HIS HAND RAISED AS A WINNER! HIS FIGHT WAS THE TALK OF THE EVENING! MANY A FAN LOST A LARGE BANKROLL, AS MALONE WAS AN 8 TO 1 UNDERDOG!
HOW D'YA LIKE THAT? WHAT GOT INTO THAT OLD WAR HORSE?
WHAT AN UPSET! I BLEW MY WHOLE ROLL ON ROCKO!
I STILL DON'T BELIEVE IT!
UPSET? FOR THE PUBLIC, YES! BUT NOT FOR GARSON LA RUE!
HERE YOU ARE, ROCKO! YOU SURE MADE IT LOOK GOOD!
THANKS, MR. LA RUE! IT HADDA LOOK GOOD! THAT PUNK COULDN'T HURT A KITTEN!
AFTER ROCKO HAD LEFT...
SHEP? THIS IS GARSON LA RUE! I WANT YOU TO BOOK RED MALONE IN TWO WEEKS! WHAT? NEVER MIND THAT! HE'S GONNA WIN, SEE! I'LL BE SEEING YOU!
MALONE WON THE NEXT FIGHT... AND THE NEXT... AND THE NEXT...
MALONE BY K.O
RED BEATS DALE!
RED DOES IT AGAIN
BUT IN SPITE OF HIS SUDDEN SUCCESS, RED WASN'T COMPLETELY HAPPY...
IT'S NOT WORTH MUCH WITHOUT MADY TO SHARE IT WITH ME! IF I WERE ONLY SURE SHE'D TAKE ME BACK!
HI, RED OL' BOY!
WHAT SAY, CHAMP?
BUT MADY HAD BEEN HOLDING OUT AS LONG AS SHE COULD!
HELLO, MR. MALONE!
MADY! OH, HONEY, IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU!
I'VE MISSED YOU LIKE MAD, MADY!
AND I'VE MISSED YOU, RED! I SEE ALL THE BOYS HAVE A BIG HELLO FOR YOU, NOW THAT YOU'RE ON TOP AGAIN!

SURE! THAT'S HOW IT IS! WHEN YOU'RE DOWN THEY KICK YOU, AND WHEN YOU'RE ON TOP THEY KISS YOU! AND I AM ON TOP AGAIN, MADY!
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DID IT, BUT AS LONG AS YOU'RE HAPPY, I'LL GO ALONG WITH YOU, NO MATTER WHERE IT WINDS UP!
THE NEXT DAY, RED'S LUCK SEEMED TO HIT THE JACKPOT!
HONEY! LOOK! MY CONTRACT TO FIGHT STEVE MEARS, THE WINNER FIGHTS THE CHAMP! WE MADE IT, BABY! WE MADE IT!
OH, RED! IT'S WHAT YOU ALWAYS WANTED! I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU!
BUT MEARS IS TOUGH.. STRONG.. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE HIM?
HO! DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! I'M GOING GREAT GUNS, MADY! I CAN BEAT ANY GUY MY WEIGHT! NOTHING CAN STOP ME NOW!
IT WAS ON FEBRUARY 1, 1936.. A WEEK BEFORE THE MEARS FIGHT.. THAT MADY MALONE HAD A VISITOR..
MRS MALONE! I'M GARSON LA RUE! I HAVE A SLIGHT INTEREST IN NEXT WEEK'S BOUT!
IF YOU WANT TO SEE RED, HE'S AT HIS TRAINING CAMP UP-STATE!
YEAH, I KNOW THAT! BUT IT'S YOU I WANT TO TALK TO! RED'S GOING TO LOSE THE MEARS FIGHT, SEE!
THAT'S YOUR OPINION NOT MINE OR RED'S! BESIDES I DON'T SEE WHY YOU..
BUT IT'S NOT AN OPINION! IT'S A FACT! YOU SEE, MALONE DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS RECENT WINS! THE BOYS HE FOUGHT LOST ON MY ORDERS!
WHA... WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
I THINK YOU UNDERSTAND CLEARLY ENOUGH! YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT RED WAS ALL WASHED UP LONG AGO! HE COULDN'T PUNCH HIS WAY OUT OF A PAPER BAG, AND YOU KNOW IT! I BUILT HIM UP! I WANTED HIM TO GET THIS MEARS FIGHT! I ARRANGED IT, AND NOW I'M GOING TO GET PAID OFF!
OH, HOW COULD YOU DO THIS TO A DECENT GUY LIKE RED? HOW COULD YOU BE SO ROTTEN?


THAT'S THE WAY IT IS, SEE? NOW GET THIS... MALONE'S BEEN GOING SO GOOD, THAT THE BOOKIES HAVE MADE HIM THE FAVORITE! I GOT PLENTY BET ON MEARS TO WIN... BY A KAYO! RED'S NOT FACING A SET-UP THIS TIME... IT'S THE REAL THING! SO IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR HUSBAND TO GET HIMSELF KILLED IN THERE, JUST TELL HIM TO LAY DOWN IN THE FIFTH ROUND! IF HE DON'T, HE'S GONNA GET HIS BRAINS BEAT IN! THAT'S ALL!
OH, NO! NO!
THERE WAS NO REST THAT NIGHT FOR MADY MALONE! HER BRAIN WAS TORTURED BY INDECISION AS SHE TRIED TO MAKE UP HER MIND WHAT TO DO!
OH! WHAT SHALL I DO? IF I TELL RED THE TRUTH IT'LL BREAK HIS HEART! HE THINKS HE WON ALL THOSE FIGHTS! IT'D KILL HIM IF HE KNEW THE TRUTH!
BUT... BUT MAYBE LARUE WAS ONLY BLUFFING! MAYBE HE DIDN'T FIX THOSE FIGHTS! IT COULD BE A TRICK TO THROW RED OFF! I... WON'T TELL RED ABOUT LA RUE! HE CAN BEAT MEARS! I KNOW HE CAN!
MADY KEPT QUIET FOR AS LONG AS SHE COULD! BUT ON THE NIGHT OF THE FIGHT SHE COULD KEEP IT IN NO LONGER!
THIS IS IT, HONEY! STICK BY THE RADIO AND LISTEN TO ME KNOCK MEARS FROM HERE TO KINGDOM COME!
RED! THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU!
AND SHE POURED OUT THE WHOLE SORDID STORY! POOR RED WAS DUMBFOUNDED!
OH, RED... HE WAS FOOLING WASN'T HE?
NO, MADY... IF LA RUE SAYS THE FIGHTS WERE FIXED... THEY WERE FIXED!
I AM WASHED UP! THEY LIED ME FOR A SUCKER... A FOOL! OH, WHAT A BUSINESS! WHAT A CHEAP, ROTTEN, DISGUSTING RACKET! TAKING A MAN'S LIFE AND KICKING IT AROUND LIKE A FOOTBALL! YOU WERE RIGHT, MADY... I SHOULD HAVE QUIT LONG AGO!
RED, CANCEL THE BOUT... TELL THEM YOU'RE SICK!
NO, HONEY... I'M A FIGHTER, NOT A QUITTER! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO!

FIRST I'M DOING WHAT EVERY FIGHTER SHOULD DO WHEN HE SMELLS A RACKETEERING RAT MIXED UP IN A BOUT TELL THE POLICE! THEN I'M GOING TO FIGHT MEARS THE BEST I CAN... WASHED UP OR NOT!
DARLING, YOU ARE THE CHAMP! YOU'RE MY CHAMP, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TONIGHT!
SO LONG, HONEY, AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING!
THE CROWD THAT POURED INTO THE STADIUM THAT NIGHT DIDN'T SUSPECT THE TENSE DRAMA THAT WAS GOING ON BEHIND THE SCENES.
GATE C
NOW, YOU MEN HAVE MY INSTRUCTIONS! I WANT A CLEAN FIGHT, AND BREAK WHEN I TELL YOU TO BREAK! NOW GO TO YOUR CORNERS, AND COME OUT FIGHTING!
THE OPENING BELL SOUNDED, AND STEVE MEARS CAME RUSHING OUT OF HIS CORNER...
THERE'S A FAST LEFT TO MALONE'S FACE... THEN A RIGHT... ANOTHER VICIOUS RIGHT... MEARS IS OFF TO A VERY FAST START... A LEFT TO MALONE'S MID-SECTION... HE JUST CAN'T SEEM TO GET AWAY FROM THOSE PUNCHES!
AS THE END OF THE ROUND DREW NEAR, MEARS TIED MALONE UP...
HAD ENOUGH, SUCKER? BETTER LAY DOWN, OR I'LL...
MAKE ME LAY DOWN YOU CHEAP CROOK!
MEARS CONTINUES HIS VISCIOUS ATTACK... MALONE IS TAKING EVERYTHING HE CAN THROW...
WHAT'S HOLDING HIM UP?
BEATS ME!
C'MON, MALONE!


FOLKS, THIS IS THE GREATEST EXHIBITION OF COURAGE THAT I HAVE EVER SEEN! ONE SAVAGE PUNCH AFTER ANOTHER AND MALONE WON'T GO DOWN! HOW MUCH CAN A HUMAN BEING TAKE? WOW! THERE'S A HARD RIGHT FROM STEVE MEARS... A LEFT TO MALONE'S JAW...
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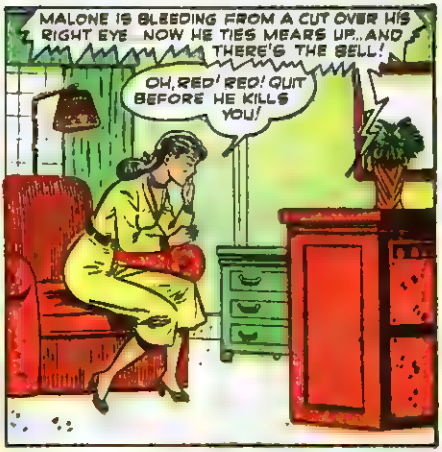
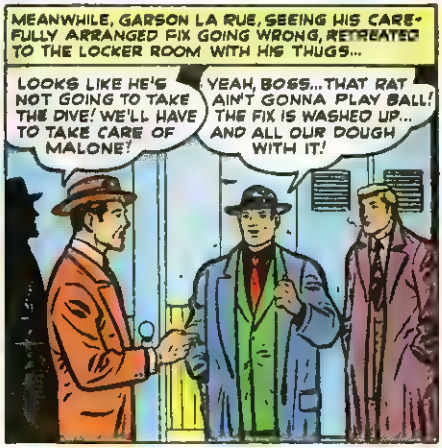
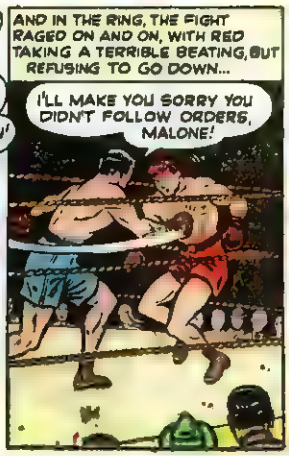

MALONE IS BLEEDING FROM A CUT OVER HIS RIGHT EYE. NOW HE TIES MEARS UP... AND THERE'S THE BELL!
OH, RED! RED! QUIT BEFORE HE KILLS YOU!

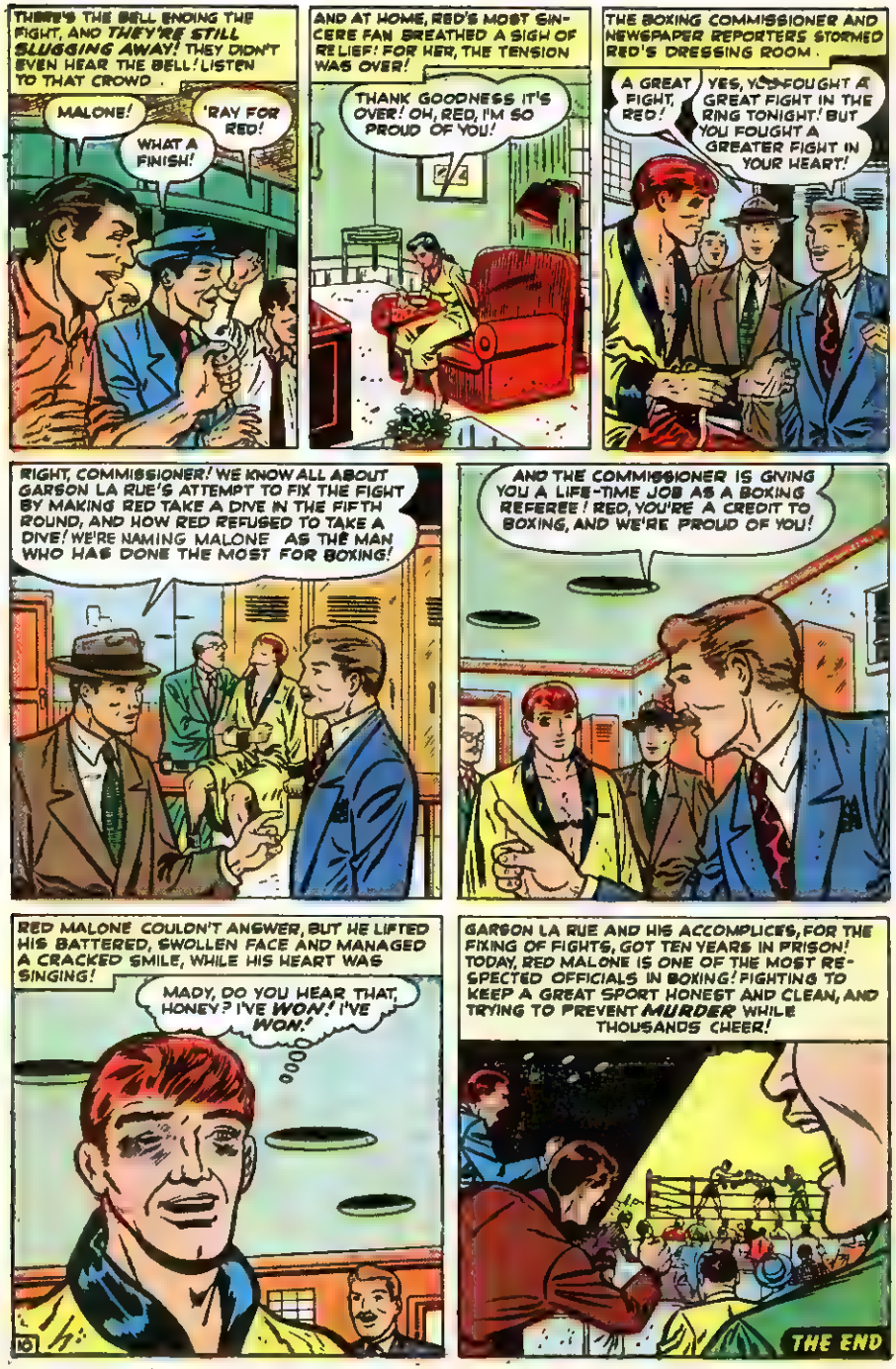
THIS IS THE FIFTH ROUND YOU HAS-BEEN! LA RUE GAVE YOU ORDERS... LAY DOWN!


MEANWHILE, GARSON LA RUE, SEEING HIS CAREFULLY ARRANGED FIX GOING WRONG, RETREATED TO THE LOCKER ROOM WITH HIS THUGS...
LOOKS LIKE HE'S NOT GOING TO TAKE THE DIVE! WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF MALONE!
YEAH, BOSS... THAT RAT AIN'T GONNA PLAY BALL! THE FIX IS WASHED UP... AND ALL OUR DOUGH WITH IT!

JUST A MINUTE, LA RUE, LIMPY! THE D.A. WANTS TO SEE YOU BOYS!
WHA. WHAT FOR? YOU'VE GOT NOTHING ON ME!
THEN YOU GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT... C'MON!


AND IN THE RING, THE FIGHT RAGED ON AND ON, WITH RED TAKING A TERRIBLE BEATING, BUT REFUSING TO GO DOWN...
I'LL MAKE YOU SORRY YOU DIDN'T FOLLOW ORDERS, MALONE!

IT'S THE TENTH AND LAST ROUND, FOLKS, AND MALONE IS STILL ON HIS FEET! IT'S A GLORIOUS EXIT FOR A GREAT FIGHTER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! RED MALONE HAS WON THE UNDYING ADMIRATION OF THIS HUGE CROWD! YES, THIS RED MALONE HAS THE COURAGE OF A CHAMPION!


THERE'S THE BELL ENDING THE FIGHT, AND THEY'RE STILL SLUGGING AWAY! THEY DIDN'T EVEN HEAR THE BELL! LISTEN TO THAT CROWD.
MALONE!
'RAY FOR RED!
WHAT A FINISH!
AND AT HOME, RED'S MOST SINCERE FAN BREATHED A SIGH OF RELIEF! FOR HER, THE TENSION WAS OVER!
THANK GOODNESS IT'S OVER! OH, RED, I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!
THE BOXING COMMISSIONER AND NEWSPAPER REPORTERS STORMED RED'S DRESSING ROOM.
A GREAT FIGHT, RED!
YES, YOU FOUGHT A GREAT FIGHT IN THE RING TONIGHT! BUT YOU FOUGHT A GREATER FIGHT IN YOUR HEART!
RIGHT, COMMISSIONER! WE KNOW ALL ABOUT GARSON LA RUE'S ATTEMPT TO FIX THE FIGHT BY MAKING RED TAKE A DIVE IN THE FIFTH ROUND, AND HOW RED REFUSED TO TAKE A DIVE! WE'RE NAMING MALONE AS THE MAN WHO HAS DONE THE MOST FOR BOXING!
AND THE COMMISSIONER IS GIVING YOU A LIFE-TIME JOB AS A BOXING REFEREE! RED, YOU'RE A CREDIT TO BOXING, AND WE'RE PROUD OF YOU!
RED MALONE COULDN'T ANSWER, BUT HE LIFTED HIS BATTERED, SWOLLEN FACE AND MANAGED A CRACKED SMILE, WHILE HIS HEART WAS SINGING!
MADY, DO YOU HEAR THAT, HONEY? I'VE WON! I'VE WON!
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GARSON LA RUE AND HIS ACCOMPLICES, FOR THE FIXING OF FIGHTS, GOT TEN YEARS IN PRISON! TODAY, RED MALONE IS ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED OFFICIALS IN BOXING! FIGHTING TO KEEP A GREAT SPORT HONEST AND CLEAN, AND TRYING TO PREVENT MURDER WHILE THOUSANDS CHEER!
THE END

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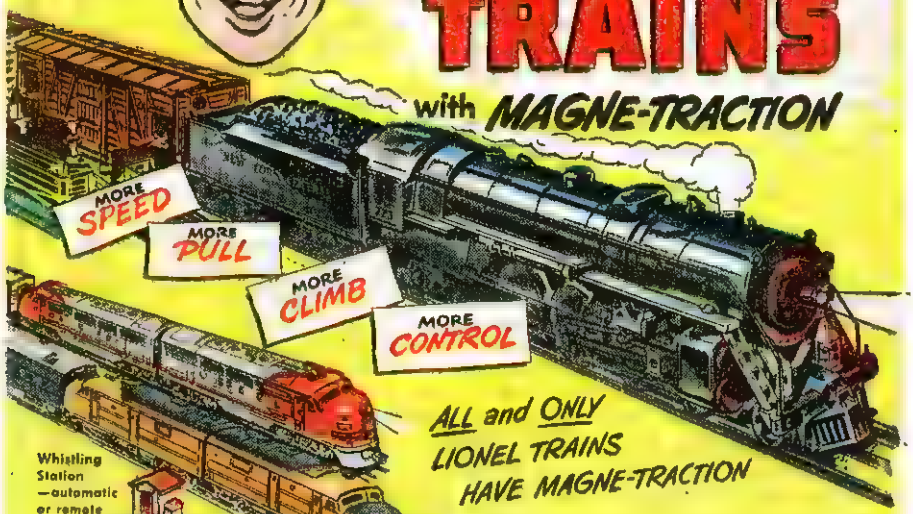

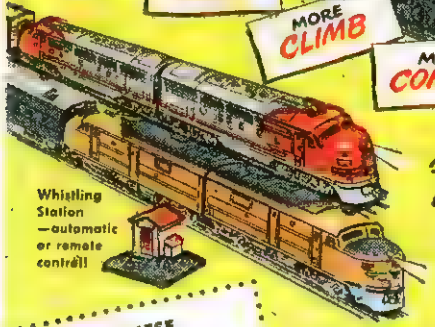

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BLAZE LENDS A HELPING PAW

"YA better come with us, Doc, or we'll blast the head off that pretty pooch of yours." The speaker pointed his .45 automatic at the golden collie standing at the doctor's side.

A deep rumbling rolled from the dog's chest and his lips curled upward. White fangs flashed and the ruff on his neck rose. The animal gathered his hindquarters under him, preparing for an attack the instant his beloved master, Dr. Glenn Forest, gave the command.

But no such command came. Doc knew that he and Blaze would have little chance against the three burly thugs and their death-spitting automatics. He reached down and patted the dog.

"Down, Blaze."

The dog obeyed.

"Time's wastin', Doc," the leader of the trio said impatiently, "ya comin' or not? We didn't bust into this dump of yours to chit-chat about man's best friend."

"I'll go with you. I'm a doctor and if you have somebody that needs medical attention, it's my duty to help."

"Now yer talkin', Doc, let's get started."

Young Dr. Forest picked up his little black bag.

"Just a minute, Doc." the thug stopped Glenn. "Ya got the right tools in that bag for takin' out a bullet?"

"Yes, I have the instruments, but removing a bullet is a serious operation. It'll have to be done in a hospital."

"The chief don't like hospitals. You'll have to take the slugs outta his leg at the hideout. Come on."

Doc motioned to Blaze to come along.

"Naw, Doc. Let's leave the mutt here. I'll have enough trouble keepin' an eye on you without havin' that pooch snappin' at me."

Glenn had counted on taking Blaze along with him and then sending the dog out for the police. Now Glenn had only a few seconds to think of another scheme. Without creating suspicion, Glenn wanted to alert Blaze to follow the thugs' automobile after they left. The young doctor knew that once he performed the operation on the thugs' boss, he would never live to tell about it.

Just how ignorant are these hoodlums, Glenn asked himself as he fumbled with his black bag, stalling for a little time. Would they recognize a command for Blaze to follow me if I gave him one? At the door Glenn turned and faked an angry look at Blaze.

"Heel!"

The tough hoodlum laughed at the doctor. "Don't call the poor mutt names, Doc, he might die of a broken heart." The other two men joined in the laughter.

They didn't suspect a thing, Doc thought to himself. I underestimated them. They're not ignorant . . . *they're stupid.*

Inside the house, Blaze's ears were erect as he heard the automobile pull away. Glenn's parting command, "Heel", rang in the dog's ears. He sniffed at the door and at all the windows. All were bolted.

Blaze paced the floor and barked in frustrated anger. He ran to the window and pawed frantically at the smooth surface with his sharp claws. Suddenly he sprang back and ran away from the window. Without breaking his lope, he circled and broke into a lively gallop straight for the window. With a mighty leap Blaze shot into the air and crashed through the sheet of glass head first.

He landed on his feet and came to a halt. Blaze lifted his head and stretched his ears forward, his nose quivering. Questing the air, he read the faint clues his acute senses of hearing and smell detected. He sniffed at the ground, then raised his head and looked down the road. He walked a few steps, then fell into a steady trot. A few minutes later the wonder collie raced down the country road with the speed of a saluki pursuing a gazelle. He had picked up the scent.

Dawn was dissolving the night into daylight when Dr. Glenn Forest wearily threw down his rubber gloves and dropped his tired body into a chair.

"Well, Doc, how's it?" the gunman who had brought Glenn to the gang's hideout asked.

On a kitchen table Glenn worked all night over a man who had three bullets in his

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WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT

HAIR LOSS

ITCHY SCALP, DANDRUFF, HEAD SCALES, SEBORRHEA, EXCESSIVE FALLING HAIR

The following facts are brought to the attention of the public because of a widespread belief that nothing can be done about hair loss. This belief has no basis in medical fact. Worse, it has condemned many men and women to needless baldness by their neglect to treat certain accepted causes of hair loss.

There are six principal types of hair loss, or *alopecia*, as it is known in medical terms:

1. Alopecia from diseases of the scalp
2. Alopecia from other diseases or from an improper functioning of the body
3. Alopecia of the aged (senile baldness)
4. Alopecia areata (loss of hair in patches)
5. Alopecia of the young (premature baldness)
6. Alopecia at birth (congenital baldness)

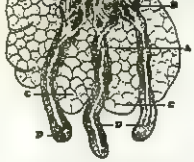
Senile, premature and congenital alopecia cannot be helped by anything now known to modern science. Alopecia from improper functioning of the body requires the advice and treatment of your family physician

BUT MANY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES NOW BELIEVE A SPECIFIC SCALP DISEASE IS THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF HAIR LOSS.

This disease is called Seborrhea and can be broadly classified into two clinical forms with the following symptoms:

1. *DRY SEBORRHEA:* The hair is dry, lifeless, and without gloss. A dry flaky dandruff is usually present with accompanying itchiness. Hair loss is considerable and increases with the progress of this disease.

2. *OILY SEBORRHEA:* The hair and scalp are oily and greasy. The hair is slightly sticky to the touch and has a tendency to mat together. Dandruff takes the form of head scales. Scalp is usually itchy. Hair loss is severe with baldness as the end result



DESTRUCTION OF HAIR FOLLICLES
Caused By Seborrhea
A – Dead hairs; B – Hair-destroying bacteria; C – Hypertrophied sebaceous glands; D – Atrophic follicles

Many doctors agree that to NEGLECT these symptoms of DRY and OILY SEBORRHEA is toINVITE BALDNESS.

Seborrhea is believed to be caused by three germ organisms — staphylococcus albus, pityrosporum ovale, and acnes bacillus

These germs attack the sebaceous gland causing an abnormal working of this fat gland. The hair follicle, completely surrounded by the enlarged diseased sebaceous gland, then begins to atrophy. The hair produced becomes smaller and smaller until the hair follicle dies. Baldness is the inevitable result. (See illustration.)

But seborrhea can be controlled, particularly in its early stages. The three germ organisms believed to cause seborrhea, can and should be eliminated before they destroy your normal hair growth.

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thigh — souvenirs picked up from the bank guards when the gang made their getaway after pulling a bank holdup. The man laid out on the table was Scarface Raftis, number one boy on the country's crime list. Scarface's only pain killer was a couple of bottles of whiskey which he gulped freely as Glenn carved the three slugs out of his flesh.

"He'll pull through but it'll take time and he's got to have rest and quiet," Glenn answered.

Just then a shot split the morning silence and all the men reached for their guns. The door opened and the thug, who was posted outside as lookout, walked in.

"Relax," he said, "I just took a shot at that mutt of the Doc's. I saw him sneakin' around outside so I plugged him."

Glenn leaped to his feet. "You shot Blaze! I'll . . ."

"Take it easy," one of the robbers warned as he shoved an automatic into Glenn's stomach, "or you'll get the same as that mutt of yours got."

The doctor fell back into his chair. *Blaze dead!* He found it hard to believe.

The gang gathered around a small table and talked about their loot and mapped their plans for getting out of the state into Canada.

"If you move that man after what he's been through and subject him to a rough automobile ride, you'll kill him," warned Glenn.

"It's nice of you to worry about it, Doc, but it's the chief's own orders," the second in command said. "It won't be too rough of a ride. We're gonna drive nice and easy like so nobody'll get wise."

The gang moved their chief into their automobile and the driver gave a blast on his horn to beckon the thug who was standing guard over Glenn.

"We hate to do this to you, Doc, but you know too much." The thug crashed his automatic against Glenn's head. The doctor crumpled to the floor.

Taking a kerosene lamp from the table, the robber slammed it to the cabin floor. When he got to the door he lit a match and threw it into a puddle of kerosene. Flames exploded immediately.

"That'll get rid of all the evidence here and take the troopers off our trail for a time while they investigate this." The men grinned darkly as the car purred away.

The blackness, which had enveloped Glenn when the gangster struck him, was being splintered by a succession of violent jerks. As his fogged senses slowly began to clear he felt the hot breath of fire upon his face. Then he was yanked sharply once more. He shook his head and turned.

"Blaze!" he shouted.

While Glenn was unconscious Blaze had dragged him across the room and away from the flames.

"I thought they got you, pal," Glenn ran his hand through the dog's rich white and golden coat. He found an ugly bullet crease on the top of Blaze's head. "Just nicked you hard enough to knock you out, huh, boy? Or were you playing possum until they left?"

Blaze raised his head and gave a sharp bark.

"Hey, you're right. We'd better get out of here, but fast." The cabin was a blazing inferno now. Glenn was weak but he managed to drag himself along the floor to the rear of the cabin. He opened a window and tumbled through to the outside. Blaze leaped through with ease and stood at his master's side. He held his head high and wagged his tail slowly, sensing that something had to be done. But the thinking had to be done by his master. Blaze waited for orders.

Glenn was helpless. He could never hope to catch the bandits' car on foot, even if he had been strong enough to give chase. The nearest village was hours away. By the time he could drag his weary body there for help, the bandits would be across the border in Canada.

"It's all up to you now, Blaze," Glenn stroked his beautiful collie. Then he tapped the dog on the rear and gave a command with which Blaze had become familiar during his war training as a K-9 dog.

"Get him, Blaze!"

The magnificent collie turned quickly and cut through the woods at a brisk gallop. Glenn watched proudly as the animal leaped and weaved through the forest, then disappeared.

Hours later, when the sun was high in the heavens, Glenn stumbled into the small village and to a telephone. He called the chief of the State Troopers and briefly told him his story.

"And now I've got a story for you, Dr. Forest," the chief's voice said over the wires. "That dog of yours, Blaze, is a one man . . . er, a *one dog* police department and riot squad."

"Huh?"

"Yep," the Chief went on, "Blaze caught up to those bank robbers and pounced right inside their automobile, with fangs gnashing left and right, while they were riding. It was like being locked up in a telephone booth with a mountain lion. Every one of those robbers is in the police hospital."

"And Blaze?" asked Glenn eagerly.

There was a slight pause then two sharp barks came over the telephone.

Glenn smiled. "Okay, Blaze, I'll be home soon."

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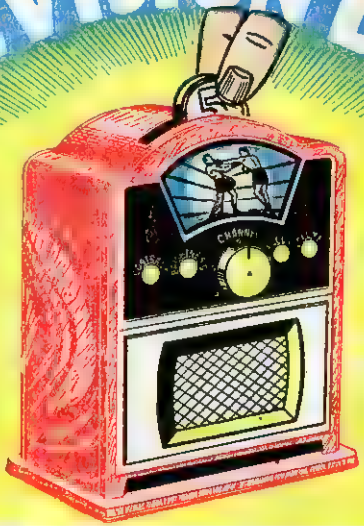

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I REMEMBER WHEN I FIRST SAW THE TENEMENTS, I REMEMBER THE WAVE OF PITY THAT CAME OVER ME, THE SMELL THAT WAS STRONGEST HERE CAME NOT FROM GARBAGE... BUT FROM DISAPPOINTMENT.. FRUSTRATION...

TO KNOW THAT THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE MUST EVER BE DENIED TO YOU... NOT BECAUSE YOU DON'T WORK OR SWEAT OR DREAM / BUT BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T THE **PRICE!**

THE PRICE, ALWAYS THE **PRICE!** A PRICE FOR EVERYTHING... A PRICE FOR **LIVING** ITSELF! NO PRICE FOR FOOD... YOU STARVE! NO PRICE FOR CLOTHING... YOU **FREEZE!** NO PRICE FOR MEDICINE... YOU DIE! THE LACK OF MONEY.. THAT'S WHAT MAKES A TENEMENT!

THRIFT SHOP

AND TOO **MUCH** MONEY... THAT'S WHAT TURNS MEN INTO BEASTS! THE ARROGANT DEVILS! THEY THINK THEY'VE GOT ALL THE ANSWERS TO LIFE IN THEIR BANK BOOKS!

TO WANT NOTHING FROM LIFE BUT MONEY! TO GIVE NOTHING BUT SADNESS AND MISERY! IS IT ANY WONDER THEY BRING UNHAPPINESS EVEN UPON THEMSELVES! STUPID, SELFISH CHESTER... HOW YOU MURDERED KINDNESS EVERY DAY IN YOUR LIFE!

ONE WAY

U.S. MAIL

EVEN WHEN WE WERE KIDS, YOUR GREATEST PLEASURES CAME FROM SNOBBERY...

HOW COULD YOU LOWER YOURSELF TO GO FISHING WITH A **BUTLER!**

LOOK, CHESTER... WATKINS KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT TROUT FISHING, AND BESIDES, HE'S GOOD FUN!

BUT HE'S A **BUTLER! A BUTLER!** YOUR SERVANT! HE'S ONLY HERE TO TAKE ORDERS! HE'S HERE FOR YOU TO STEP ON!

FUNNY, YOU SOUND JUST LIKE FATHER!

AND IS IT **BAD**..TO SOUND LIKE ME?

HE'S ALWAYS CRITICIZING YOU, DAD! HE NEVER DOES ANYTHING YOU SAY! HE HATES YOU!

THAT'S NOT TRUE! MAYBE I JUST.. WELL, **LIKE** PEOPLE MORE THAN YOU DO!

MY DEAR BOY, YOU'LL LIKE WHO I TELL YOU TO LIKE AND YOU'LL AVOID WHO I TELL YOU TO AVOID.. BECAUSE IF YOU **DON'T** OBEY ME, I'LL CUT YOU OFF WITHOUT A PENNY!

THERE IT WAS.. EVEN AT THAT EARLY AGE... THE ACCENT ON MONEY! AS IF WITHDRAWING MONEY MEANT THE END OF LIFE ITSELF...
BUT DAD.. IS IT WRONG TO LIKE PEOPLE? EVEN PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR YOU? PEOPLE WHO ARE POORER THAN YOURSELF?
DON'T ASK ME QUESTIONS! I WILL NOT BE QUESTIONED! I WANT OBEDIENCE! WATKINS WILL BE DISMISSED! YOU HEAR, DISMISSED!
ALL THIS WHILE I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE DAD'S MONEY CAME FROM! IT MIGHT'VE COME FROM SOME NICE, CLEAN, INEXHAUSTABLE GOLD MINE FOR ALL I KNEW! I NEVER DREAMED IT ACTUALLY CAME FROM WHAT DAD CALLED "REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT"!
I REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME DAD TOOK US TO THE SLUMS ON A TOUR OF INSPECTION! HE BEHAVED LIKE THE LORD OF THE MANOR INSPECTING THE SLAVE QUARTERS...
DAD.. IF YOU DON'T MIND.. I'D RATHER STAY IN THE CAR!
WHY? ARE YOU AFRAID OF THESE PEOPLE? YOU FOOL! THEY'RE IN TERROR OF DAD!
THEY'RE BRAZEN AND INSOLENT! THEY LIVE LIKE PIGS! THEY DEFACE THE PROPERTY! NEVER PAY THEIR RENT ON TIME! GOT TO KEEP HAULING THEM INTO COURT!
DAD PASSED THESE WRETCHED PEOPLE BY AS IF THEY WERE ANIMALS IN A ZOO!
IT'S A WAR... A CONSTANT WAR BETWEEN YOU AND THEM! THEY WANT EVERYTHING FOR NOTHING, THE BEGGARS! GIVE 'EM FREE FOOD AND CLOTHING, FREE RENT, LET 'EM SLEEP ALL DAY AND BOOZE ALL NIGHT AND THEY'D BE IN SEVENTH HEAVEN!
YOU'RE RIGHT, FATHER, THEY'RE LAZY AND FILTHY, THAT'S WHY THEY'RE POOR!
FRUITS and VE
LAZY? FILTHY? DRUNK? NOT THE PEOPLE I SAW! THE FACES I PASSED SEEMED HAGGARD, WORN OUT WITH TOIL AND CARE! INTELLIGENT, SENSITIVE FACES! FACES THAT COULD SMILE... BUT DIDN'T! FACES THAT HAD THE STAMP OF BEAUTY STAMPED OUT OF THEM!
BUT WHAT LIVING THING WOULDN'T WITHER AND DECAY IN THAT SICKENING ENVIROMENT? LEAKY CEILINGS, BROKEN WALLS, VERMIN AND FILTH WHEREVER YOU LOOKED! I WAS ASHAMED, THAT MY FATHER TOOK HIS WEALTH FROM ALL THIS MISFORTUNE!
SOME DAY ALL THIS PROPERTY WILL BE YOURS... BUT REMEMBER... THE SECRET OF SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT IS TO TAKE MUCH AND GIVE LITTLE!
YES, FATHER! YOU'RE RIGHT, FATHER!

RIGHT? TO SQUEEZE BLOOD FROM A STONE .. WAS THIS *RIGHT?* TO BE KIND, SYMPATHETIC, HELPFUL ..WAS THIS *WRONG?* I SUPPOSE IT DEPENDED ON WHETHER YOU HAD THE BIRD'S EYE VIEW OR THE WORM'S EYE VIEW...

IF MAKING MONEY WAS ALL THAT COUNTED, THEN DAD AND CHESTER WERE RIGHT! BUT I COULDN'T SEE THINGS THEIR WAY! I WAS A FRESHMAN AT COLLEGE WHEN I NEXT VISITED THE TENEMENTS! DAD WANTED US TO SEE FIRST HAND HOW RENTS WERE COLLECTED!

YOU ARE FOUR MONTHS BEHIND IN YOUR RENT, MRS. O'BRIEN, WHERE'S THE MONEY?

PLEASE, I'VE ONLY GOT SIX DOLLARS! MR. O'BRIEN HAS BEEN SICK AND OUT OF WORK FOR MONTHS! GIVE US A LITTLE MORE TIME!

MORE TIME TO LAUGH AT THE SUCKER LANDLORDS WHO FALL FOR YOUR EXCUSES? *NO!* PAY, OR BE *EVICTED!*

JUST A MINUTE, THERE'LL BE NO EVICTIONS! WE CAN WAIT FOR THE RENT TILL MR. O'BRIEN GETS ON HIS FEET AGAIN!

ARE YOU *CRAZY?* THESE PEOPLE NEVER PAY YOU IF YOU LISTEN TO THEIR STUPID ALIBIS! FATHER CAN'T PAY HIS BILLS WITH ALIBIS!

NOT ONLY THAT! SHOW ONE TENANT FAVORITISM AND THEY'LL ALL WANT SPECIAL TREATMENT!

I'LL RISK IT! DAD WON'T GO BROKE IF HE MAKES A FEW EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE!

YOU SENTIMENTAL FOOL! YOU'LL CATCH IT FROM FATHER! YOU'RE JUST A ROTTEN COWARD! YOU HAVEN'T GOT THE GUTS TO BE STRONG!

BUT, DAD... IS EVERYTHING MONEY... *PROFIT?* ISN'T THERE ANY *MERCY* IN YOUR HEART! DON'T YOU EVER FEEL THAT HUMAN BEINGS SHOULD COME BEFORE DOLLARS AND CENTS?

CHESTER'S RIGHT! YOU *ARE* A SOFT-HEARTED, SOFT-HEADED NITWIT! HOW DO YOU THINK I BECAME RICH? HOW DO YOU THINK I BOUGHT THIS HOUSE? WHERE DO YOU THINK ALL THESE LUXURIES *CAME* FROM?

FROM THE TENEMENTS! MY PROPERTIES THERE ARE WORTH MILLIONS! *WHY?* BECAUSE I WAS HARD, RUTHLESS! I NEVER LET MY HEART RULE MY HEAD!

BUT ARE YOU HAPPIER? CAN YOU LOOK YOURSELF IN THE EYE? CAN YOU BE CRUEL AND VICIOUS AND YET LIVE WITH YOURSELF?

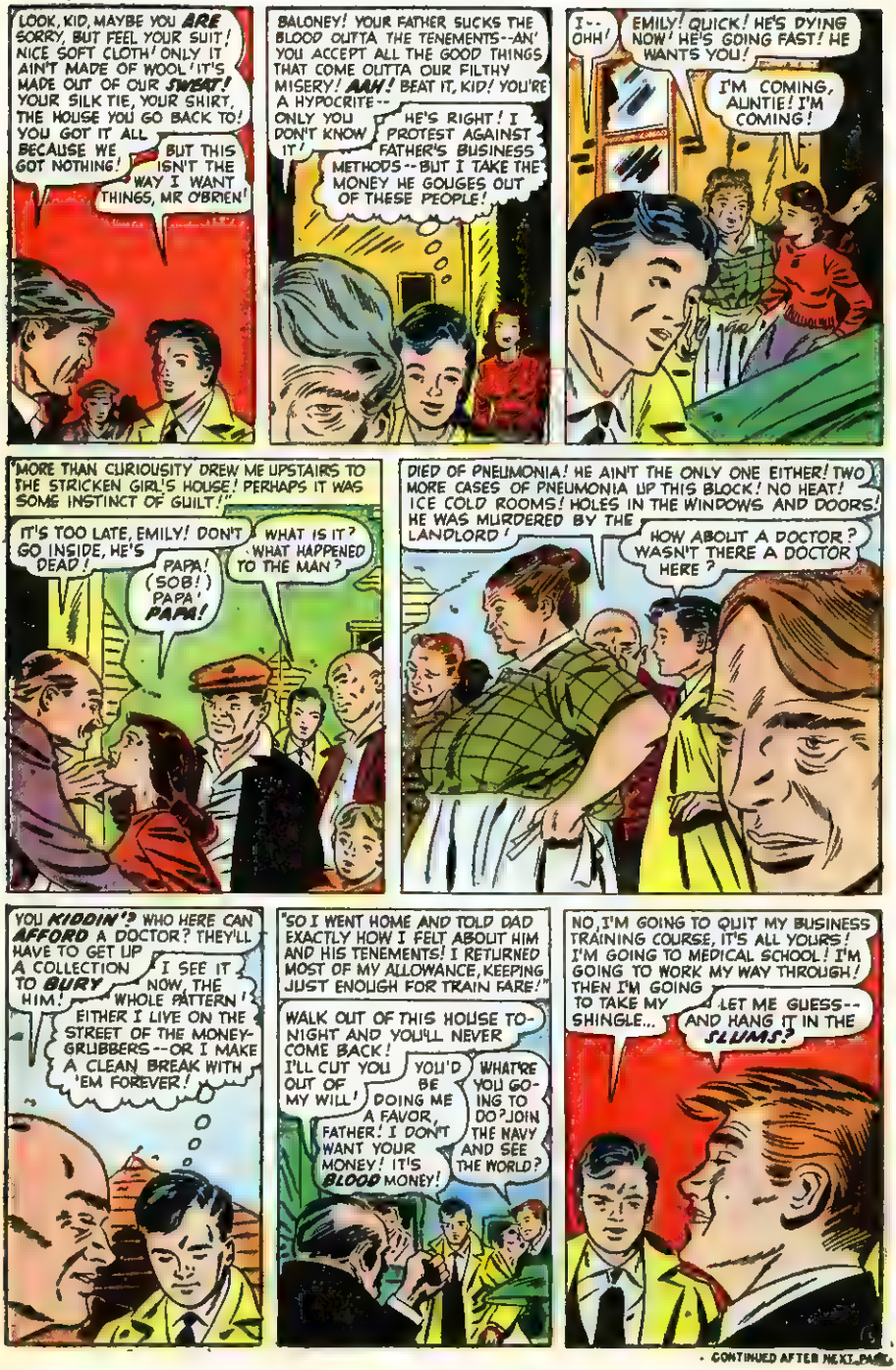
HOW *DARE* YOU SPEAK TO ME LIKE THAT! YOU MISERABLE, SNIVELING PUP! YOU'LL DO *EXACTLY* AS I SAY... WITHOUT QUESTIONS ....DO YOU HEAR? OR I'LL *BEAT* OBEDIENCE INTO YOU!

YOU SEE? I WARNED YOU DAD WOULD BE ANGRY! BUT YOU HAD TO DO THINGS *YOUR* WAY! SERVES YOU RIGHT!

THE DAY THE O'BRIENS WERE EVICTED, I HAD TO GO DOWN THERE AND SAY SOMETHING, I HAD TO APOLOGIZE...

WHO NEEDS YOUR *APOLOGIES?* I'M STILL ON THE STREET, AIN'T I? WHAT'S THIS? A NEW CON GAME? STEAL THE BREAD OUT OF PEOPLE'S MOUTHS, KICK 'EM OUT ON THE STREETS, THEN MAKE A BIG SHOW OF HOW SORRY YOU ARE!

BUT I *AM* SORRY, MR. O'BRIEN! BELIEVE ME, I DID EVERYTHING I COULD TO STOP FATHER FROM...


LOOK, KID, MAYBE YOU ARE SORRY, BUT FEEL YOUR SUIT! NICE SOFT CLOTH! ONLY IT AIN'T MADE OF WOOL! IT'S MADE OUT OF OUR SWEAT! YOUR SILK TIE, YOUR SHIRT, THE HOUSE YOU GO BACK TO! YOU GOT IT ALL BECAUSE WE GOT NOTHING!
BUT THIS ISN'T THE WAY I WANT THINGS, MR O'BRIEN!
BALONEY! YOUR FATHER SUCKS THE BLOOD OUTTA THE TENEMENTS--AN' YOU ACCEPT ALL THE GOOD THINGS THAT COME OUTTA OUR FILTHY MISERY! AAH! BEAT IT, KID! YOU'RE A HYPOCRITE--
ONLY YOU DON'T KNOW IT!
HE'S RIGHT! I PROTEST AGAINST FATHER'S BUSINESS METHODS--BUT I TAKE THE MONEY HE GOUGES OUT OF THESE PEOPLE!
I--OHH!
EMILY! QUICK! HE'S DYING NOW! HE'S GOING FAST! HE WANTS YOU!
I'M COMING, AUNTIE! I'M COMING!
"MORE THAN CURIOUSITY DREW ME UPSTAIRS TO THE STRICKEN GIRL'S HOUSE! PERHAPS IT WAS SOME INSTINCT OF GUILT!"
IT'S TOO LATE, EMILY! DON'T GO INSIDE, HE'S DEAD!
PAPA! (SOB!) PAPA! PAPA!
WHAT IS IT? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MAN?
DIED OF PNEUMONIA! HE AIN'T THE ONLY ONE EITHER! TWO MORE CASES OF PNEUMONIA UP THIS BLOCK! NO HEAT! ICE COLD ROOMS! HOLES IN THE WINDOWS AND DOORS! HE WAS MURDERED BY THE LANDLORD!
HOW ABOUT A DOCTOR? WASN'T THERE A DOCTOR HERE?
YOU KIDDIN'? WHO HERE CAN AFFORD A DOCTOR? THEY'LL HAVE TO GET UP A COLLECTION TO BURY HIM!
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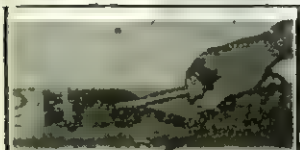

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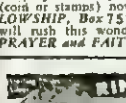

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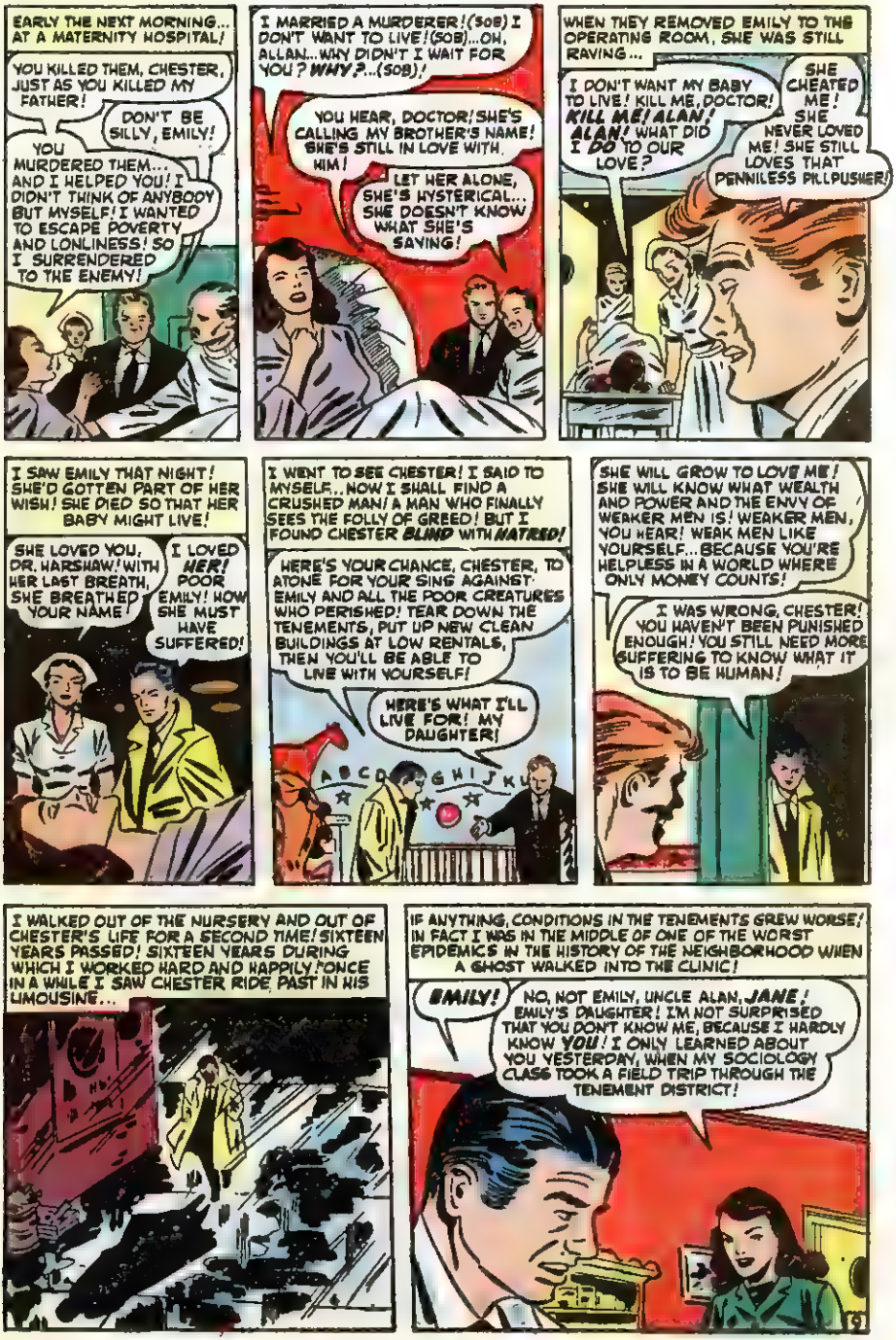
WHY DID YOU SEEK ME OUT, ALAN? WAS IT PITY? WAS IT BECAUSE MY FATHER DIED?
NO! I WANT SOMEBODY TO KNOW I WANT TO SPEND MY LIFE TRYING TO SET THINGS RIGHT! I WANT TO REMEDY EVIL! TO ALLEVIATE SUFFERING!
I WANT TO BRING HAPPINESS INTO THE WORLD... INSTEAD OF BEATING DOWN MY FELLOW MAN... AND FEEDING OFF OF HIS MISERY! I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND BECAUSE, INDIRECTLY, I THINK I KILLED YOUR FATHER! EMILY, CAN YOU UNDERSTAND?
YES, ALAN! I DO UNDERSTAND! AND I DO CARE FOR YOU... I WANT SO MUCH FOR YOU TO SUCCEED!
AND SO THE YEARS PASSED, TOUGH YEARS! I WORKED DAY AND NIGHT! I DID ANYTHING THAT EARNED ME A BUCK, WASHED DISHES, LOADED TRUCKS, DUG DITCHES... AND THEN THOSE LONG, GRINDING HOURS OF STUDY...
GOT TO KEEP AWAKE, GOT TO PASS THIS EXAM! IT'S ALL WASTED IF I DON'T! PLEASE... PLEASE LET ME STAY AWAKE! GOT TO FIND THOSE CELLS!
TRUCKING
IF NOT FOR EMILY, I'D NEVER HAVE MADE THE GRADE! THE FEW MOMENTS I SNATCHED AWAY FROM GRUELLING WORK AND STUDY WERE LIKE SECONDS SPENT IN HEAVEN!
OH, I LOVE YOU SO, ALAN! WHY CAN'T WE BE TOGETHER MORE OFTEN? IT'S SO AWFUL BEING AWAY FROM YOU!
I KNOW, MY DARLING, BUT I'VE GOT TO GO ON, I CAN'T STOP NOW! I NEED EVEVY MINUTE FOR STUDY AND WORK! I'VE GOT TO SAVE UP MONEY FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL!
WHY DON'T WE GET MARRIED? I COULD EARN MONEY, I COULD HELP YOU...
NO, DARLING... YOUR MONEY IS NEEDED AT HOME! BE PATIENT! I KNOW IT'S HARD... BUT WE'LL WIN THROUGH, YOU'LL SEE!
I HADN'T SEEN CHESTER OR DAD FOR YEARS, THEN ONE DAY CAME A TELEGRAM! DAD HAD FLOWN INTO A RAGE ABOUT A STOCK MARKET TRANSACTION AND GOT A STROKE! I SAW CHESTER AT THE FUNERAL! CHESTER SEEMED TO BE ON TOP OF THE WORLD!
WELL! AND HOW'S LOUIS PASTEUR?
DEAD! DEAD AS FATHER IS NOW! TAKE A LESSON, CHESTER! WHERE DID ALL DAD'S CONCERN FOR MONEY GET HIM?
TELL ME ABOUT IT TOMORROW NIGHT WHEN THEY READ THE WILL!
HE HASN'T CHANGED A BIT! HE'S JUST A YOUNGER EDITION OF FATHER!

THE WILL WAS SIMPLE, EVERYTHING TO CHESTER, NOTHING TO ALAN, THE SON WHO WAS DISOWNED!
I HOPE NOW YOU'LL CHANGE THINGS IN THE TENEMENTS!
YES, FATHER WAS WOEFULLY INEFFICIENT, MY ADMINISTRATION WILL REALLY SHOW A PROFIT, POOR DEVILS, THEY'LL PROBABLY THINK FATHER WAS A SAINT AFTER I GET MY HOOKS INTO THEM!
WHAT'S EATING YOU, CHESTER? WHY THE CRUELTY? YOU'VE ALREADY GOT MORE THAN IS GOOD FOR YOU!
OH, NO! I'M GOING TO GET MUCH MORE MONEY! YOU SEE, ALAN, WE TAKE OPPOSITE VIEWS OF THIS WORLD! I SAY IT'S ALL DOG-EAT-DOG AND I INTEND TO BE A VERY STRONG AND HUNGRY ANIMAL!
I PITY THE TENEMENTS, BUT I PITY YOU MORE, CHESTER! ALL THEY STAND TO LOSE ARE THEIR LIVES...BUT YOU'VE LOST YOUR SOUL!
THAT'S TERRIBLE! I GUESS I OUGHT TO GET RELIGION LIKE YOU AND DO SOMETHING FOR MY FELLOW MAN! UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, I INTEND TO GO FROM BAD TO WORSE! DON'T SLAM THE DOOR ON YOUR WAY OUT!
UNDER CHESTER, LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE TENEMENTS HIT A NEW LOW! AND WHENEVER THE LAW GRUMBLED IN CHESTER'S DIRECTION, BRIBERY REARED IT'S UGLY HEAD AND THE LAW DISAPPEARED! SO IT CONTINUED TILL THE WINTER I ACCEPTED AN OUT OF TOWN INTERNSHIP...
YOU MEAN.. WE WON'T SEE EACH OTHER FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS!
I'LL BE ABLE TO GET AWAY FROM THE HOSPITAL EVERY THREE OR FOUR MONTHS! WE'VE WAITED SO LONG, EMILY, ANOTHER SHORT STRETCH, THEN...
I KNOW! THEN WE'LL BE MARRIED! I'M TIRED, ALAN! I'VE WORKED SO HARD, I'VE WAITED SO LONG, I DON'T KNOW ANY MORE WHETHER I CAN TAKE ANOTHER LONG SEPARATION! I'M LONELY, WEARY, DISILLUSIONED...
I KNOW YOU ARE, DEAREST...BUT YOU MUSN'T GIVE UP HOPE! WE'RE IN LOVE, AREN'T WE?
YES, WE'RE IN LOVE! I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU WANT!
THEN YOU'LL BE PATIENT JUST A LITTLE WHILE LONGER! YOU'LL WAIT! WE'LL BE TOGETHER SOON! I'LL BE HOME TO STAY! OH, I LOVE YOU, MY DARLING!
SO I WENT AWAY/AS IT TURNED OUT...I ONLY SAW EMILY ONCE DURING THE FIRST YEAR! THEN SUDDENLY SHE STOPPED WRITING! I WROTE, I WIRED.. NOTHING COULD DRAW AN ANSWER FROM HER! SO I FLEW IN ONE NIGHT...
SHE ISN'T HERE, ALAN! EMILY LEFT FOR GOOD! SHE'S MARRIED!
MARRIED? YOU'RE JOKING!
NO! HE CAME ONE DAY! HE SAW EMILY! HE SAW HOW BEAUTIFUL SHE WAS! SHE WAS LONELY, ALAN! FOR SIX YEARS SHE WAITED! SHE WAS AN EASY MARK!
HE BROUGHT HER FLOWERS, PRESENTS, JEWELS, FURS! HE TOOK HER TO BEAUTIFUL PLACES, HE TURNED HER HEAD! HE'S VERY RICH, VERY RUTHLESS! HE KNEW WHAT HE WANTED AND HE GOT IT!
BUT YOU'RE NOT TELLING ME WHO IT IS! WHO DID SHE MARRY?

YOUR BROTHER! YOUR BROTHER, CHESTER!
CHESTER? OH--NO! NO!
I RAN TO CHESTER'S HOUSE LIKE A CRAZED MAN! I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT! THIS WAS SOME MONSTROUS JOKE! BUT WHEN I SAW EMILY KNEADING CHESTER'S SHOULDER IN NERVOUS ANGUISH, I KNEW THE IMPOSSIBLE HAD HAPPENED!
I DIDN'T WRITE BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU, ALAN! I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT YOU!
BUT WHY, EMILY? YOU LOVED ME! YOU WAITED SIX YEARS!
STILL THE GREAT BELIEVER IN FAITH, EH?
YOU ALWAYS WERE A NAIVE FOOL, ALAN! MONEY! THAT'S FAITH! MONEY! THAT'S GOODNESS! MONEY--THAT'S EVERYTHING! SIX YEARS OF YOUR DREAMS... AGAINST MY THREE WEEKS OF MONEY, YOU GOT YOUR ANSWER, DOCTOR!
THE STORY'S ON HER BACK, ON HER FINGERS, ON HER FEET--ON THE WALLS! JEWELS, CLOTHING, LUXURY... THAT'S WHAT EMILY MARRIED, YOU FOOL!
I HOPE YOU'LL BE HAPPY, BOTH OF YOU, IN FACT, I THINK YOU DESERVE ONE ANOTHER!
YES, EMILY HAD MARRIED FOR MONEY, EMILY... OF ALL PEOPLE... HAD FALLEN VICTIM TO THE GREAT GOD MAMMON! IT WAS A CLEAR-CUT VICTORY FOR CHESTER! WELL, A YEAR PASSED AND I RETURNED TO THE TENEMENTS TO PRACTICE! I OPENED AN OFFICE OPPOSITE THE BUILDING WHERE EMILY'S MOTHER AND HER AUNT LIVED...
THE FACT THAT CHESTER HAD MARRIED A GIRL OF THE TENEMENTS HADN'T GIVEN CHESTER ANY CHANGE OF HEART, HE STILL GOUGED! HE STILL BRIBED BUILDING OFFICIALS! THE TENEMENTS REMAINED FIRE TRAPS AND BREEDING PLACES FOR DISEASE...
THE INEVITABLE HAPPENED! A FIRE BROKE OUT AND BEFORE THE ENGINES ARRIVED IT WAS HOPELESSLY OUT OF CONTROL...
DON'T JUMP, LADY! IT'S TOO FAR!
BUT THE FIRE! IT'S COMING... CLOSER! IIEEEEEE!
TWO OF THE MANY VICTIMS WERE EMILY'S MOTHER, WHO SUFFOCATED TO DEATH! AND HER AUNT WHO PLUNGED FIVE STORIES TO HER DOOM...
I'VE GOT TO JUMP! I'VE GOT TO... IIEEEE!


EARLY THE NEXT MORNING... AT A MATERNITY HOSPITAL!
YOU KILLED THEM, CHESTER, JUST AS YOU KILLED MY FATHER!
DON'T BE SILLY, EMILY! YOU MURDERED THEM... AND I HELPED YOU! I DIDN'T THINK OF ANYBODY BUT MYSELF! I WANTED TO ESCAPE POVERTY AND LONLINESS! SO I SURRENDERED TO THE ENEMY!
I MARRIED A MURDERER! (SOB) I DON'T WANT TO LIVE! (SOB)...OH, ALLAN...WHY DIDN'T I WAIT FOR YOU? WHY?...(SOB)!
YOU HEAR, DOCTOR! SHE'S CALLING MY BROTHER'S NAME! SHE'S STILL IN LOVE WITH HIM!
LET HER ALONE, SHE'S HYSTERICAL... SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S SAYING!
WHEN THEY REMOVED EMILY TO THE OPERATING ROOM, SHE WAS STILL RAVING...
I DON'T WANT MY BABY TO LIVE! KILL ME, DOCTOR! KILL ME! ALAN! ALAN! WHAT DID I DO TO OUR LOVE?
SHE CHEATED ME! SHE NEVER LOVED ME! SHE STILL LOVES THAT PENNILESS PILLPUSHER!
I SAW EMILY THAT NIGHT! SHE'D GOTTEN PART OF HER WISH! SHE DIED SO THAT HER BABY MIGHT LIVE!
SHE LOVED YOU, DR. HARSHAW! WITH HER LAST BREATH, SHE BREATHED YOUR NAME!
I LOVED HER! POOR EMILY! HOW SHE MUST HAVE SUFFERED!
I WENT TO SEE CHESTER! I SAID TO MYSELF...NOW I SHALL FIND A CRUSHED MAN! A MAN WHO FINALLY SEES THE FOLLY OF GREED! BUT I FOUND CHESTER BLIND WITH HATRED!
HERE'S YOUR CHANCE, CHESTER, TO ATONE FOR YOUR SINS AGAINST EMILY AND ALL THE POOR CREATURES WHO PERISHED! TEAR DOWN THE TENEMENTS, PUT UP NEW CLEAN BUILDINGS AT LOW RENTALS, THEN YOU'LL BE ABLE TO LIVE WITH YOURSELF!
HERE'S WHAT I'LL LIVE FOR! MY DAUGHTER!
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SHE WILL GROW TO LOVE ME! SHE WILL KNOW WHAT WEALTH AND POWER AND THE ENVY OF WEAKER MEN IS! WEAKER MEN, YOU HEAR! WEAK MEN LIKE YOURSELF... BECAUSE YOU'RE HELPLESS IN A WORLD WHERE ONLY MONEY COUNTS!
I WAS WRONG, CHESTER! YOU HAVEN'T BEEN PUNISHED ENOUGH! YOU STILL NEED MORE SUFFERING TO KNOW WHAT IT IS TO BE HUMAN!
I WALKED OUT OF THE NURSERY AND OUT OF CHESTER'S LIFE FOR A SECOND TIME! SIXTEEN YEARS PASSED! SIXTEEN YEARS DURING WHICH I WORKED HARD AND HAPPILY. ONCE IN A WHILE I SAW CHESTER RIDE PAST IN HIS LIMOUSINE...
IF ANYTHING, CONDITIONS IN THE TENEMENTS GREW WORSE! IN FACT I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF ONE OF THE WORST EPIDEMICS IN THE HISTORY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHEN A GHOST WALKED INTO THE CLINIC!
EMILY!
NO, NOT EMILY, UNCLE ALAN, JANE! EMILY'S DAUGHTER! I'M NOT SURPRISED THAT YOU DON'T KNOW ME, BECAUSE I HARDLY KNOW YOU! I ONLY LEARNED ABOUT YOU YESTERDAY, WHEN MY SOCIOLOGY CLASS TOOK A FIELD TRIP THROUGH THE TENEMENT DISTRICT!

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LOOK IN THE WAITING ROOMS... IN THE WARDS...YOU'LL SEE THIS YEAR'S VICTIMS OF YOUR FATHER'S GREED! I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW MANY ***MORE*** LIVES HE WITHERED AND DESTROYED IN THE PAST!

YES, I SEE ***NOW*** WHY EVERYBODY HATES FATHER--EVERYBODY EXCEPT ME! I CAN'T HATE HIM! FATHER'S BEEN WONDERFUL TO ME! HE MADE MY EVERY WISH COME TRUE!

YES, BECAUSE EVERYBODY ELSE ***SUFFERED!***

I KNOW THAT NOW, UNCLE ALAN! THAT'S WHY YOU MUST LET ME OFFER SOMETHING IN RETURN! YOU NEED VOLUNTEER NURSES! LET ME HELP! HELP ***NOT*** BY WRITING A SCHOOL PAPER, BUT BY HELPING OTHERS TO LIVE!

THAT WOULD BE A NICE REPAYMENT! NICE AND CHEAP! NO, JANE! YOU CAN'T MAKE GOOD THE MISDEEDS OF A LIFETIME WITH A FEW HOURS OF AMATEUR NURSING! NOW GO--BEFORE I CALL YOUR FATHER AND TELL HIM YOU'RE READY TO BUNGLE YOURSELF INTO A QUICK DEATH!

ALL RIGHT, DOCTOR! DON'T CALL! I'LL GO! YOU'RE RIGHT! I CAN'T DEODORIZE A MOUNTAIN OF SINS WITH A DROP OF GOOD WILL! GOOD-BYE, UNCLE ALAN! AND THANKS!

"A WEEK LATER, I GOT AN EMERGENCY CALL! DEATH WAS GALLOPING THROUGH THE ORGANS OF ONE PATIENT WITH UNPRECEDENTED SPEED! I KNEW BY THE SYMPTOMS THAT THE END WAS NOT FAR OFF! BUT WHEN I SAW WHO THE PATIENT WAS..."

SHE'S A NURSE ON THE MORNING SHIFT! WORKS LIKE A TROJAN!

JANE! BUT JANE, I DIDN'T KNOW! I..

DON'T SAY IT, UNCLE ALAN! IT'S TOO LATE FOR BITTERNESS NOW! PLEASE DON'T BE HARD ON DAD! YOU SEE WHEN HE FINDS OUT HE'LL GO TO PIECES!

DAD WAS WRONG, UNCLE ALAN! BUT WE MUST COMFORT EVEN THE WRONG! YOU KNOW WHAT I HEARD FROM ONE OF THE PATIENTS WHO KNEW MOTHER? SHE SAID--MOTHER--WAS--IN--LOVE--WITH--YO--OHHHH

SHE'S GONE, DOCTOR!

CALL MY BROTHER, MR. CHESTER HARSHAW! TELL HIM TO COME DOWN AT ONCE! HIS DAUGHTER IS DEAD!

YES, THE TENEMENTS ARE FULL OF MEMORIES FOR ME! I HEAR THE VOICES OF GHOSTS, THE MOAN OF THE SICK, AND THE SOFT WEEPING OF THOSE WHO CANNOT ESCAPE DESPAIR! I TURN THE CORNER AND IN FRONT OF THE HOSPITAL I SEE THE FIGURE OF THE ONE MAN WHO COULD HAVE MADE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH!

ALAN! ALAN!

HOSPITAL

ALAN; SHE WAS ALL I LIVED FOR! (SOB!) AND I LOST HER! I TURNED MY BACK ON THE MISERY OF OTHERS I WORSHIPPED ONLY PROFIT! I THOUGHT ONLY OF MYSELF! AND NOW I'M ***LEFT*** ONLY TO ***MYSELF***... (SOB)... ALAN! ALAN! I'M SO ***UNHAPPY!*** (SOB!)

THERE ARE MANY UNHAPPY PEOPLE, CHESTER! WE MUST DO MORE THAN LIVE AND ***LET*** LIVE, WE MUST LIVE AND ***HELP*** LIVE!

YES, WE MUST ***HELP*** LIVE OR WE CANNOT LIVE OURSELVES!

I SEE IT NOW! TAKE ME TO THE TENEMENTS, ALAN! TELL ME WHAT MUST BE DONE! IF I SPEND MY LAST EARTHLY CENT, MY LAST DROP OF ENERGY, THOSE CHANGES MUST BE MADE!

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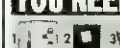

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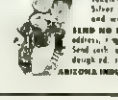

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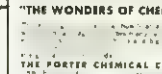

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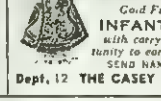

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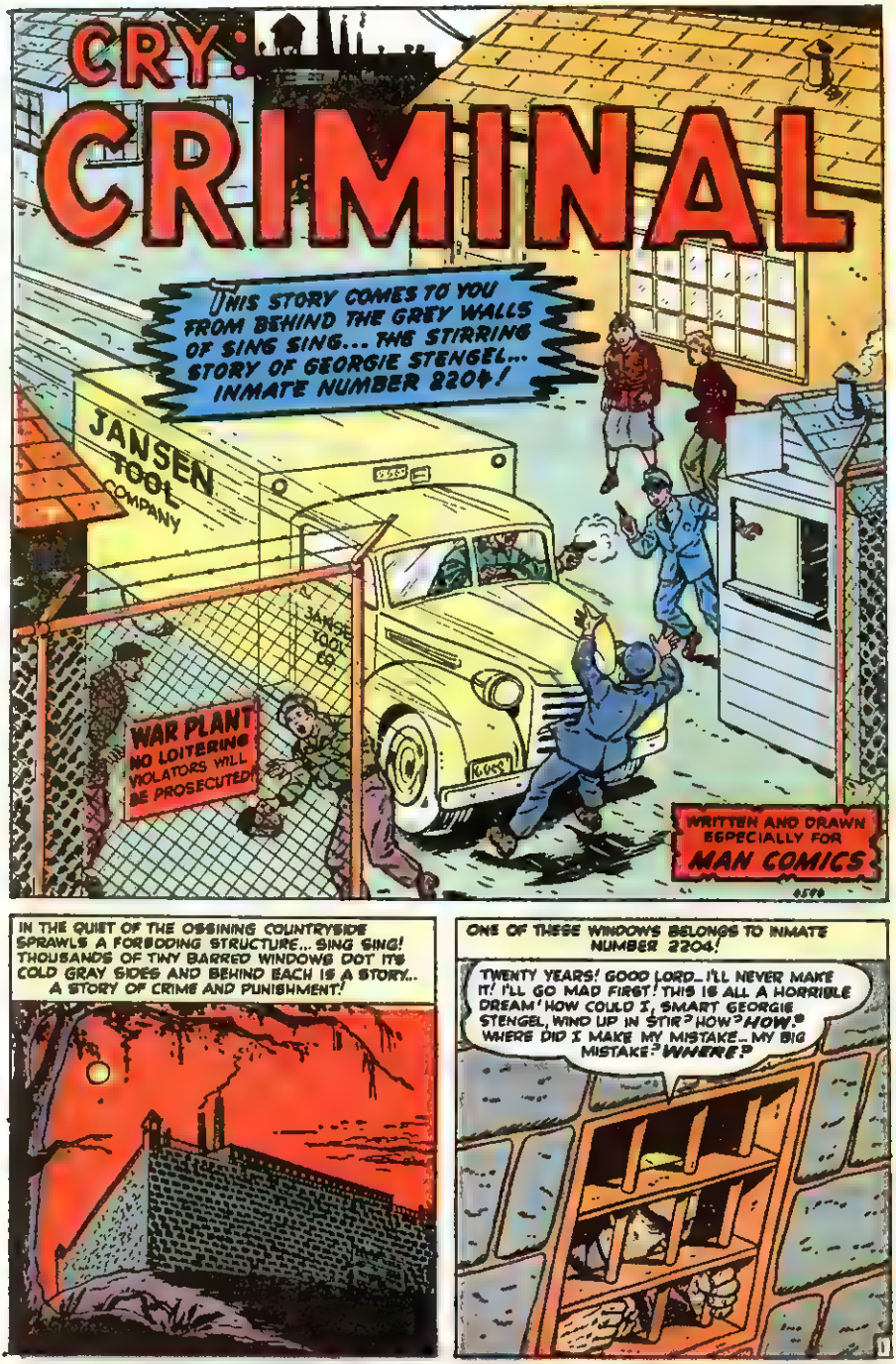
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THAT JOB IN THE WAR PLANT WHILE THE SUCKERS WERE RUNNING AROUND PLAYING SOLDIER WAS OKAY! MY SALARY WAS SMALL, FIFTY BUCKS A WEEK AS A CLERK IN THE PAYROLL OFFICE, BUT THAT WAS BETTER'N GETTING SHOT AT OVER-SEAS!
I'M SWIMMING IN DOUGH ALL DAY AND WHAT DO I TAKE HOME? PEANUTS! WHAT A LAUGH!
BUY
THERE'S THE WHISTLE, GEORGIE! GUESS YOU'RE TAKIN' HELEN TO LUNCH AGAIN EH, GEORGE? BETTER WATCH OUT, BOY. YOU'RE LIABLE TO GET MARRIED ONE OF THESE DAYS!
ARE YOU KIDDING, HERB? ON WHAT I MAKE!
I'VE GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU, GEORGIE! YOUR FAVORITE! I MADE IT LAST NIGHT!
APPLE PIE! HONEY, YOU MAKE THE BEST APPLE PIE IN THE WORLD! I THINK I COULD LIVE ON A STEADY DIET OF THAT ALL MY LIFE!
GEORGIE, LET'S GO FOR A WALK! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU.. SERIOUSLY!
SURE, BABY! WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
FLYING
WELL, WE'VE BEEN ENGAGED FOR OVER A YEAR NOW AND... WELL WE HAVEN'T EVER DISCUSSED THE FUTURE! I MEAN YOU'VE NEVER SPOKEN A WORD ABOUT MARRIAGE!
MARRIAGE? YOU'RE RIGHT! I NEVER MENTIONED IT AND I NEVER WILL ON FIFTY BUCKS A WEEK! NEVER!
MONEY! MONEY! THAT'S ALL YOU EVER WORRY ABOUT! LOTS OF PEOPLE GET MARRIED ON LESS!
YEAH! AND LIVE LIKE PIGS! WELL, NOT GEORGIE STENGEL! WHEN I GET MARRIED I'M GONNA LIVE LIKE A KING! I'M TOO SMART TO SPEND ALL MY LIFE SCRATCHIN' FOR PENNIES!
MAYBE YOU WILL BE A BIG SHOT GEORGIE.. BUT MAYBE I CAN'T WAIT THAT LONG!
THEN DON'T WAIT! IF YOU'RE SATISFIED TO SETTLE DOWN TO A PAUPER'S LIFE I GUESS ANY OF THE JERKS AROUND HERE WILL SUIT YOU FINE!
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FROM THEN ON A FLAME BURNED WITHIN ME! I JUST MAD TO MAKE SOME BIG DOUGH! HOW I'D MAKE IT I DIDN'T KNOW AND SOMEHOW I DIDN'T CARE... JUST SO LONG AS I MADE IT! TIME ROLLED BY UNEVENTFULLY UNTIL DECEMBER 5 AD 1942...
HEY, GOOD NEWS, BOYS! THEY'RE GIVING EVERYONE A $100 CHRISTMAS BONUS THIS YEAR! GREAT, HEY, GEORGE?
HUH? OH, FINE!
YOU'RE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT BEING RICH, GEORGE! AND WHEN YOU GET A FREE C-NOTE ALL YOU CAN SAY IS "FINE"!
A HUNDRED BUCKS... TWO WEEK'S PAY. BIG DOUGH.. HAH! THAT CHICKEN FEED WASN'T WORTH THE EXTRA WORK WE HAD OF PUTTING $50,000 WORTH OF $100 BILLS IN SEPARATE ENVELOPES FOR EACH EMPLOYEE! AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, DECEMBER 23 AD, OUR WORK BEGAN...
HERE'S THE FIFTY GRAND BONUS DOUGH!
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OKAY, HERB.. YOU START GETTING THESE C-NOTES INTO ENVELOPES! I'LL WORK THE OVERTIME OUT!
RIGHT! HEY, DUFFY! YOU'D BETTER STICK AROUND! ALL THIS DOUGH MAKES ME NERVOUS!
DON'T WORRY, HERB! THIS .38 AND I HAVE STRICT ORDERS TO STAY HERE TILL THAT STUFF'S HANDED OUT!
WHILE HERB AND I DUG INTO OUR WORK SOMETHING THAT WAS TO EFFECT MY ENTIRE LIFE WAS HAPPENING AT THE FRONT GATE...
YOUR PASS LOOKS OKAY! WHERE'S SWEDE TODAY?
OH... UH, SICK! HE GOT SICK THIS MORNIN'!
I TOOK HIS ROUTE AT THE LAST MINUTE! APPENDICITIS HIT HIM JUST AS HE GOT IN THE TRUCK!
THAT'S ROUGH.. AT CHRISTMAS TIME ESPECIALLY! NICE GUY, THAT SWEDE! I SURE HOPE HE'S RESTING COMFORTABLY!
HE IS... MEATHEAD! HE'S RESTIN' COMFORTABLY AND PERMANENTLY! HEH, HEH!
HEY, YOU TWO! BURIED IN ALL THAT DOUGH MAKE YOU GUYS FORGET TO EAT? IT'S LUNCH TIME.. LET'S KNOCK OFF!
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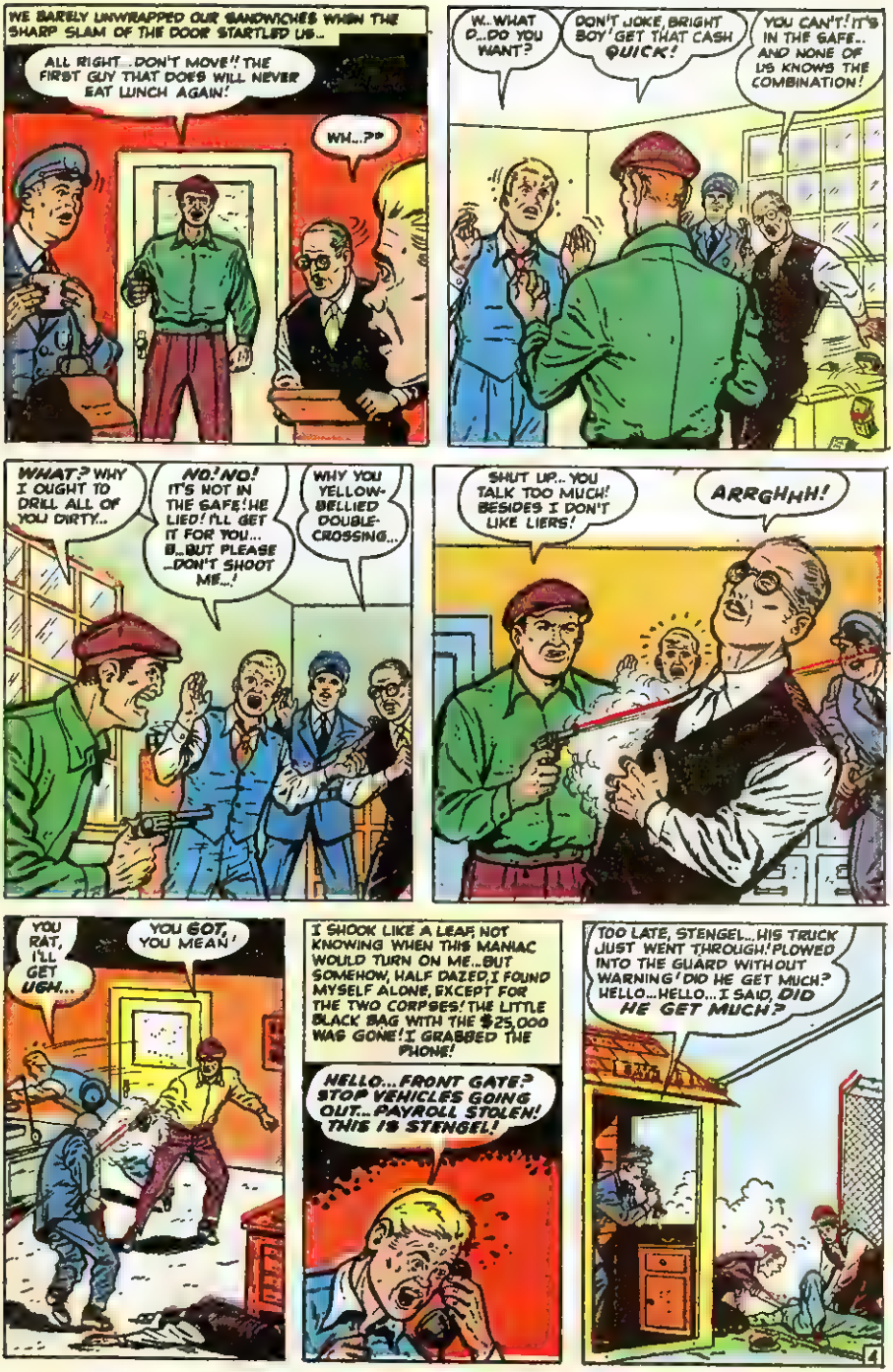
WE BARELY UNWRAPPED OUR SANDWICHES WHEN THE SHARP SLAM OF THE DOOR STARTLED US..
ALL RIGHT ..DON'T MOVE!! THE FIRST GUY THAT DOES WILL NEVER EAT LUNCH AGAIN!
WH..?"
W..WHAT D..DO YOU WANT?
DON'T JOKE, BRIGHT BOY! GET THAT CASH QUICK!
YOU CAN'T! IT'S IN THE SAFE.. AND NONE OF US KNOWS THE COMBINATION!
WHAT? WHY I OUGHT TO DRILL ALL OF YOU DIRTY..
NO! NO! IT'S NOT IN THE SAFE! HE LIED! I'LL GET IT FOR YOU... B..BUT PLEASE ..DON'T SHOOT ME..!
WHY YOU YELLOW-BELLIED DOUBLE-CROSSING...
SHUT UP.. YOU TALK TOO MUCH! BESIDES I DON'T LIKE LIERS!
ARRGHHH!
YOU RAT, I'LL GET UGH...
YOU GOT, YOU MEAN!
I SHOOK LIKE A LEAF, NOT KNOWING WHEN THIS MANIAC WOULD TURN ON ME..BUT SOMEHOW, HALF DAZED, I FOUND MYSELF ALONE, EXCEPT FOR THE TWO CORPSES! THE LITTLE BLACK BAG WITH THE $25,000 WAS GONE! I GRABBED THE PHONE!
HELLO... FRONT GATE? STOP VEHICLES GOING OUT... PAYROLL STOLEN! THIS IS STENGEL!
TOO LATE, STENGEL... HIS TRUCK JUST WENT THROUGH! PLOWED INTO THE GUARD WITHOUT WARNING! DID HE GET MUCH? HELLO... HELLO... I SAID, DID HE GET MUCH?
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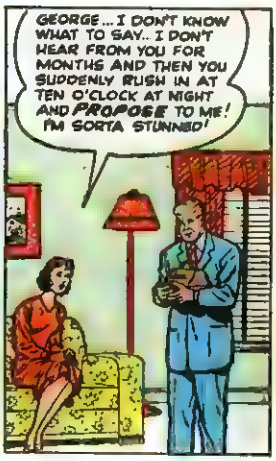
"DID HE GET MUCH?" THOSE SIMPLE LITTLE WORDS SWIRLED THROUGH MY BRAIN AND SOMEHOW ALL MY DREAMS OF WEALTH SEEMED TO DEPEND ON MY ANSWER! MY EYES DROPPED ON THE BONUS MONEY' $50,000 IN CRISP NEW BILLS! I GAVE THE ONLY ANSWER I COULD!
YES...HE GOT IT ALL... ALL... ALL OF IT!

THE DIE WAS CAST...I HAD TO WORK QUICKLY...
THEY'LL BE HERE ANY MINUTE...DOZENS OF THEM! COPS, GUARDS, REPORTERS! THIS IS THE BIGGEST GAMBLE OF MY LIFE... AND I'LL WIN IT! I MUST... I MUST!

THE HOURS OF QUESTIONING DRAGGED ON! EACH MINUTE SEEMED LIKE AN ETERNITY! FINALLY...MY BREAK CAME...
OKAY, STENGEL... YOU CAN GO NOW! YOU LOOK BEAT!
I AM...I AM! THE SHOCK OF SEEING MY BEST FRIENDS... SHOT...YOU KNOW!

I MADE IT! I'M RICH! RICH! I'VE GOT TO FIND HELEN! WE'LL HAVE EVERYTHING NOW!


GEORGE...I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY.. I DON'T HEAR FROM YOU FOR MONTHS AND THEN YOU SUDDENLY RUSH IN AT TEN O'CLOCK AT NIGHT AND PROPOSE TO ME! I'M SORTA STUNNED!

I KNOW IT'S SUDDEN, BABY, BUT I HAVE TO ACT FAST! ER...I MEAN WE'VE WAITED LONG ENOUGH! WE CAN GRAB A TRAIN TONIGHT AND BE MARRIED IN NEW YORK AND LIVE LIKE ROYALTY FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES! C'MON, BABY...START PACKING!
WHAT'S COME OVER YOU, GEORGE? FIRST YOU BLOW UP AT THE MERE MENTION OF MARRIAGE...A SIMPLE INEXPENSIVE ONE! NOW YOU'RE SUDDENLY GOING IN FOR A MILLIONAIRE'S LIFE! I DON'T UNDERSTAND AND I WON'T GO TILL I DO!

LOOK, YOU LITTLE FOOL! DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW? WE'RE RICH... FIFTY GRAND RICH! NOW STOP WASTING TIME AND LET'S GET GOING!
GOOD HEAVENS.. I MUST BE DREAMING! WHERE DID YOU GET THIS?
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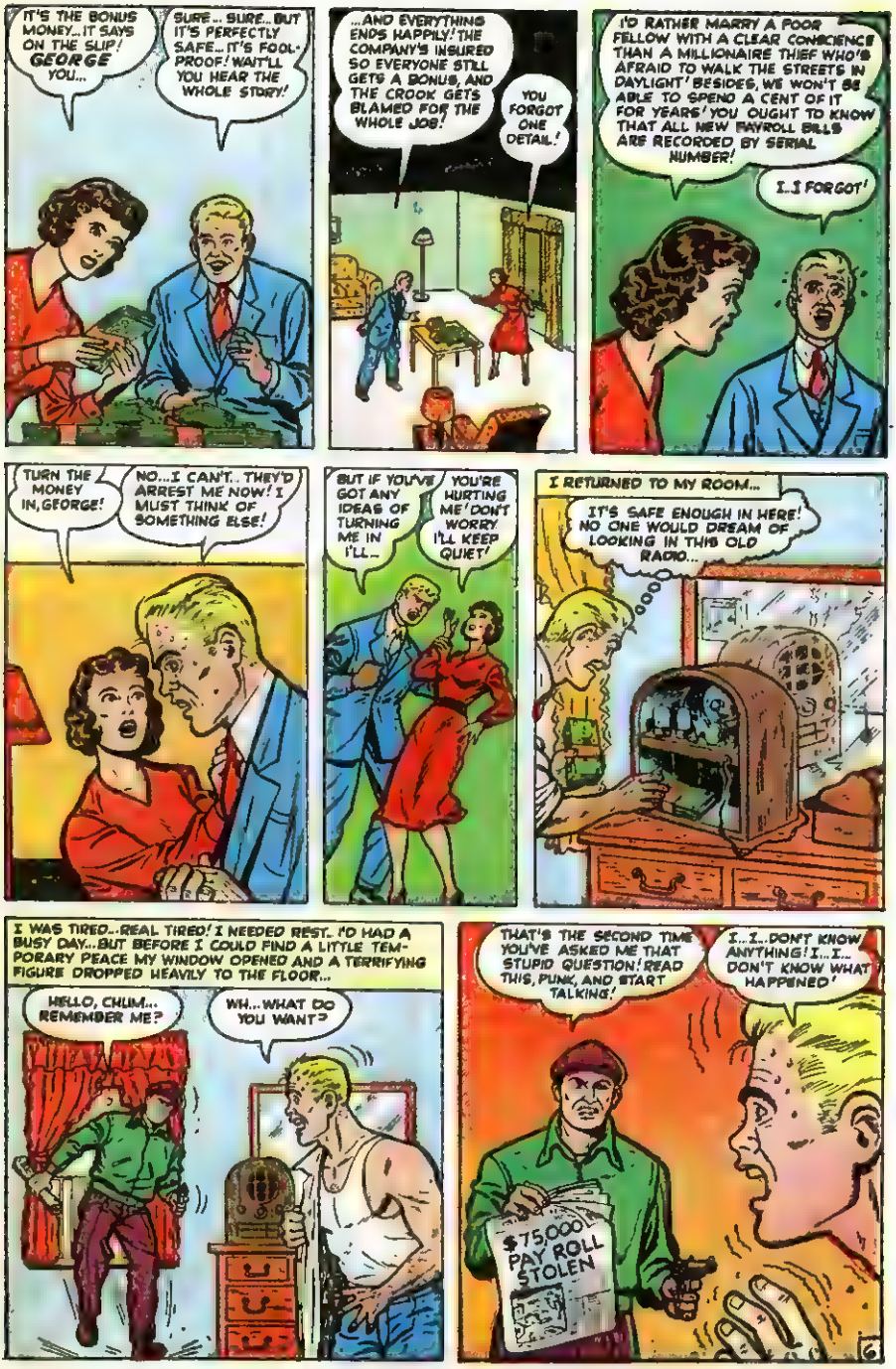
IT'S THE BONUS MONEY... IT SAYS ON THE SLIP! GEORGE YOU...
SURE... SURE... BUT IT'S PERFECTLY SAFE... IT'S FOOL-PROOF! WAIT'LL YOU HEAR THE WHOLE STORY!
...AND EVERYTHING ENDS HAPPILY! THE COMPANY'S INSURED SO EVERYONE STILL GETS A BONUS, AND THE CROOK GETS BLAMED FOR THE WHOLE JOB!
YOU FORGOT ONE DETAIL!
I'D RATHER MARRY A POOR FELLOW WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE THAN A MILLIONAIRE THIEF WHO'S AFRAID TO WALK THE STREETS IN DAYLIGHT! BESIDES, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SPEND A CENT OF IT FOR YEARS! YOU OUGHT TO KNOW THAT ALL NEW PAYROLL BILLS ARE RECORDED BY SERIAL NUMBER!
I..I FORGOT!
TURN THE MONEY IN, GEORGE!
NO...I CAN'T.. THEY'D ARREST ME NOW! I MUST THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE!
BUT IF YOU'VE GOT ANY IDEAS OF TURNING ME IN I'LL...
YOU'RE HURTING ME! DON'T WORRY I'LL KEEP QUIET!
I RETURNED TO MY ROOM...
IT'S SAFE ENOUGH IN HERE! NO ONE WOULD DREAM OF LOOKING IN THIS OLD RADIO...
I WAS TIRED..REAL TIRED! I NEEDED REST.. I'D HAD A BUSY DAY...BUT BEFORE I COULD FIND A LITTLE TEMPORARY PEACE MY WINDOW OPENED AND A TERRIFYING FIGURE DROPPED HEAVILY TO THE FLOOR...
HELLO, CHUM... REMEMBER ME?
WH...WHAT DO YOU WANT?
THAT'S THE SECOND TIME YOU'VE ASKED ME THAT STUPID QUESTION! READ THIS, PUNK, AND START TALKING!
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I...I...DON'T KNOW ANYTHING! I...I... DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED!
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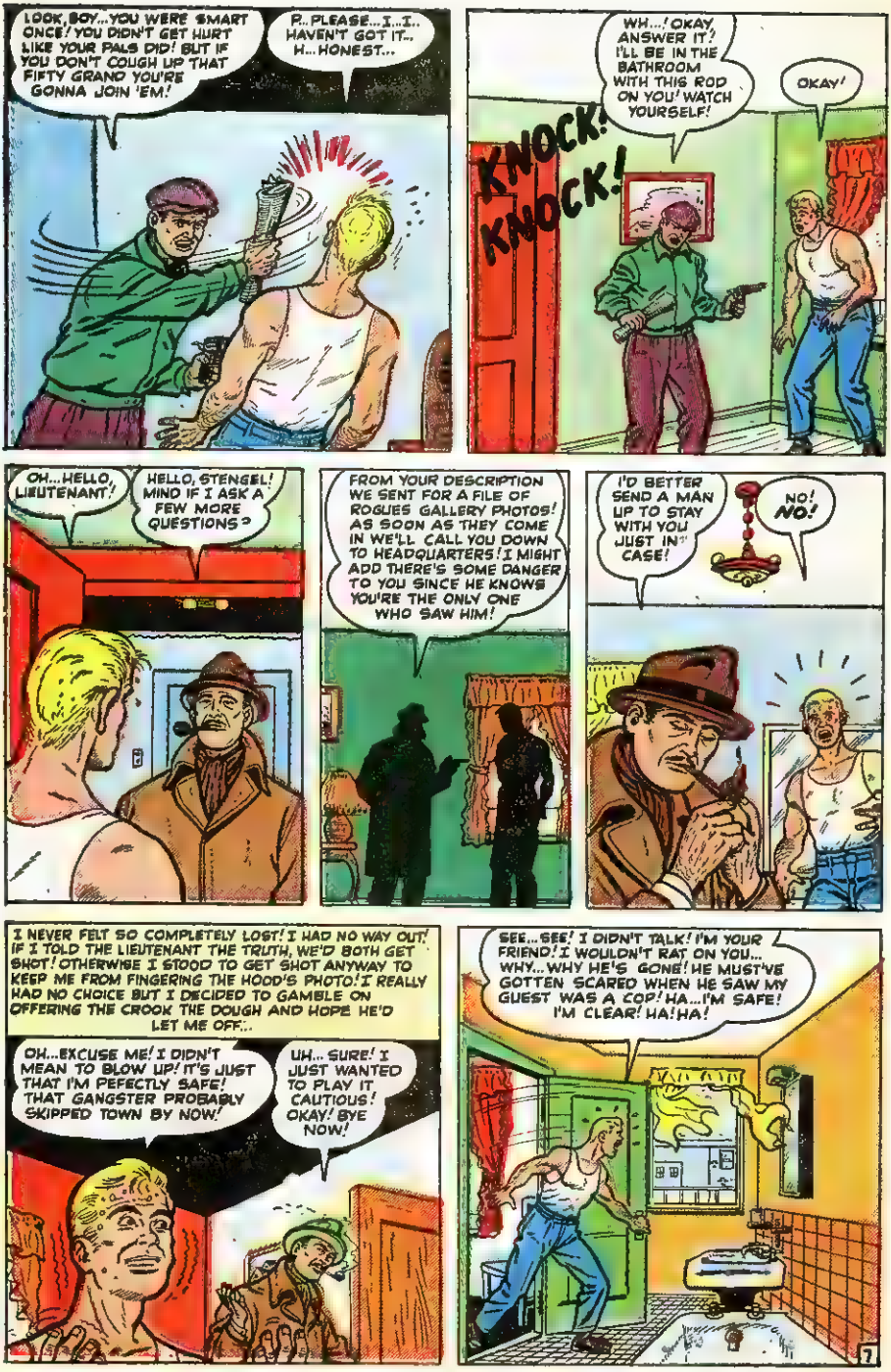
LOOK, BOY... YOU WERE SMART ONCE! YOU DIDN'T GET HURT LIKE YOUR PALS DID! BUT IF YOU DON'T COUGH UP THAT FIFTY GRAND YOU'RE GONNA JOIN 'EM!
P... PLEASE... I... I... HAVEN'T GOT IT... H... HONEST...
WH...! OKAY, ANSWER IT! I'LL BE IN THE BATHROOM WITH THIS ROD ON YOU! WATCH YOURSELF!
OKAY!
KNOCK! KNOCK!
OH... HELLO, LIEUTENANT!
HELLO, STENGEL! MIND IF I ASK A FEW MORE QUESTIONS?
FROM YOUR DESCRIPTION WE SENT FOR A FILE OF ROGUES GALLERY PHOTOS! AS SOON AS THEY COME IN WE'LL CALL YOU DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS! I MIGHT ADD THERE'S SOME DANGER TO YOU SINCE HE KNOWS YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO SAW HIM!
I'D BETTER SEND A MAN UP TO STAY WITH YOU JUST IN CASE!
NO! NO!
I NEVER FELT SO COMPLETELY LOST! I HAD NO WAY OUT! IF I TOLD THE LIEUTENANT THE TRUTH, WE'D BOTH GET SHOT! OTHERWISE I STOOD TO GET SHOT ANYWAY TO KEEP ME FROM FINGERING THE HOOD'S PHOTO! I REALLY HAD NO CHOICE BUT I DECIDED TO GAMBLE ON OFFERING THE CROOK THE DOUGH AND HOPE HE'D LET ME OFF...
OH... EXCUSE ME! I DIDN'T MEAN TO BLOW UP! IT'S JUST THAT I'M PEFECTLY SAFE! THAT GANGSTER PROBABLY SKIPPED TOWN BY NOW!
UH... SURE! I JUST WANTED TO PLAY IT CAUTIOUS! OKAY! BYE NOW!
SEE... SEE! I DIDN'T TALK! I'M YOUR FRIEND! I WOULDN'T RAT ON YOU... WHY... WHY HE'S GONE! HE MUST'VE GOTTEN SCARED WHEN HE SAW MY GUEST WAS A COP! HA... I'M SAFE! I'M CLEAR! HA! HA!
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SAFE... CLEAR.. FREE! PRETTY THOUGHTS BUT WHAT A BITTER JOKE TO ME! I COULDN'T SLEEP OR EAT! ALL I KEPT THINKING ABOUT WAS WHO WOULD GET ME FIRST... THE COPS OR THE THUG! I HAD TO KEEP ON WORKING AT MY JOB OR THE COPS WOULD SURELY SUSPECT ME!
ANOTHER DAY... FINISHED! MAYBE TONIGHT I'LL SLEEP! PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO MAKE CRACKS ABOUT HOW I LOOK!
I'LL PUT SOME SOFT MUSIC ON! MAYBE IT'LL HELP GET MY MIND OFF... HEY! I'M IN THE WRONG ROOM... NO, I'M NOT BUT WHERE'S THE OLD RADIO! THIS NEW ONE ISN'T MINE...
MR'S BAILEY. THE OLD RADIO IN MY ROOM... IT WAS STOLEN..
NO, NO, SILLY! THAT'S MY CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO A STAR BOARDER! MERRY CHRISTMAS, MR. STENGEL!
WHAT!? B. BUT I LIKED THE OLD ONE! PLEASE, WHERE IS IT!
DON'T BE SO SENTIMENTAL! I SOLD THAT PIECE OF JUNK TO KORN'S JUNK SHOP!
I MUST GET IT BACK...
WELL, I NEVER...
OH, NO!
CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS — MERRY CHRISTMAS
I WRAPPED MY HANDKERCHIEF AROUND MY HAND... LOOKED UP AND DOWN THE DESERTED STREETS... AND LET GO!
CRASH!
AS I GRABBED THE RADIO MY HAPPINESS QUICKLY TURNED TO HORROR...
YOU'RE SURE STUPID! Y'GOT SO GRAND HID AND YOU GO OUT STEALING RADIOS! C'MON, LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
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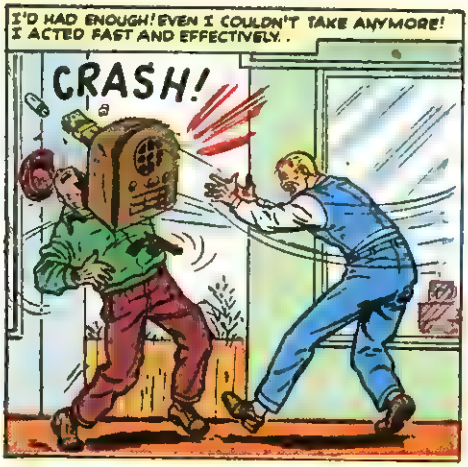
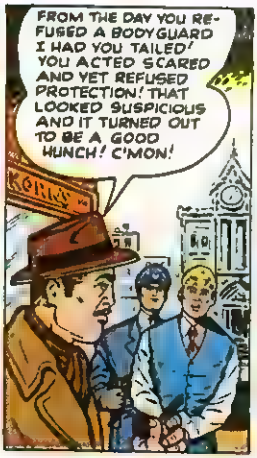
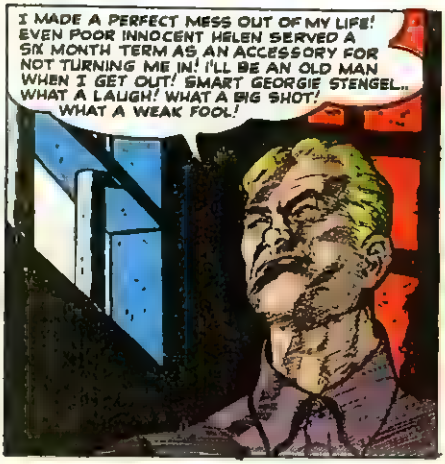

I'D HAD ENOUGH! EVEN I COULDN'T TAKE ANYMORE! I ACTED FAST AND EFFECTIVELY..
CRASH!

NO... NO! DON'T, DON'T... ARGHH!
YOU'LL HAUNT ME NO MORE!
CRACK! CRACK!

OKAY, STENGEL... DROP IT!
LIEUTENANT!


FROM THE DAY YOU REFUSED A BODYGUARD I HAD YOU TAILED! YOU ACTED SCARED AND YET REFUSED PROTECTION! THAT LOOKED SUSPICIOUS AND IT TURNED OUT TO BE A GOOD HUNCH! C'MON!

THEY THREW THE BOOK AT ME! THE ONLY THING I DIDN'T GET SLAPPED WITH WAS THE HOOD'S DEATH.. SELF-DEFENSE THEY CALLED THAT!
GEORGE STENGEL THIS COURT SENTENCES YOU TO SERVE NOT LESS THAN TWENTY YEARS IN SING SING!


I MADE A PERFECT MESS OUT OF MY LIFE! EVEN POOR INNOCENT HELEN SERVED A SIX MONTH TERM AS AN ACCESSORY FOR NOT TURNING ME IN! I'LL BE AN OLD MAN WHEN I GET OUT! SMART GEORGIE STENGEL.. WHAT A LAUGH! WHAT A BIG SHOT! WHAT A WEAK FOOL!

YES... I KNOW WHERE I MADE MY BIG MISTAKE! I MADE IT THE MINUTE I STARTED THINKING THAT I DESERVED MORE OUT OF LIFE THAN I COULD GAIN BY WORKING FOR IT!
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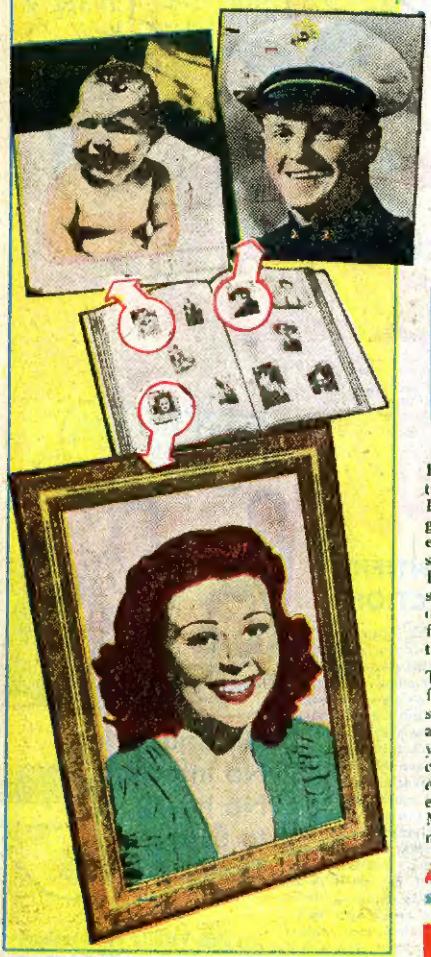

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Say Men, Girls in Choosing Date

What a "black mark" is the blackhead . . . according to men and girls popular enough to be choosy about dates!

"Nobody's dreamboat!" "Nobody's date bait!" And that's not all that's said of those who are careless about blackheads. But blackheads ARE ugly! Blackheads ARE grimy! And they DON'T look good in close-ups!

So can you blame the fellow who says, "Sure, I meet lots of girls who look cute at first glance. But if, on that second glance, I see dingy blackheads, it's *good night!*"

Or can you blame the girl who confesses, "I hate to go out with a fellow who has blackheads. If he's careless about that you're sure he'll embarrass you in other ways, too!"

But you — are YOUR ears burning? Well, you've company and, sad to say, good company. There are lots of otherwise attractive fellows and girls who could date anyone they like if they'd only realize how offensive blackheads are . . . and how easily and quickly they could get rid of them . . . if they *want* to!

"He-Man" Often Guilty of Blackhead Crime

Take your "he-man" . . . super at track, games, sports of all kinds . . . who thinks that after just a shower he's ready to go anywhere! And won't the girls all admire his muscles!

Sure they would! But not many dance floors are set up for hurdle races! You can't show off your snappy left hook when only cokes are in the ring. The "he-man" who's also clean-cut, will get the breaks wherever he is.

Even Cute Girls Become Careless

Easy, too easy, for a girl to think that if she has the latest in clothes and hair-do she needn't bother about blackheads. A little more make-up, she guesses, will take care of that. BUT MAKE-UP WON'T HIDE BLACKHEADS! Not unless it's plaster of paris, maybe! And even good make-up "slips" at a dance! So don't take chances, cute though you may be!

TAKE THESE TIPS TO BANISH BLACKHEADS

Keep skin clean by washing morning and night with warm, almost hot, water. Use good soap and plenty of it. And finish with cool water.

Extract every blackhead as soon as you see it — with a SAFE extractor. Don't use finger nails. Don't squeeze. That may mean infection, injured tissues, a marred skin.

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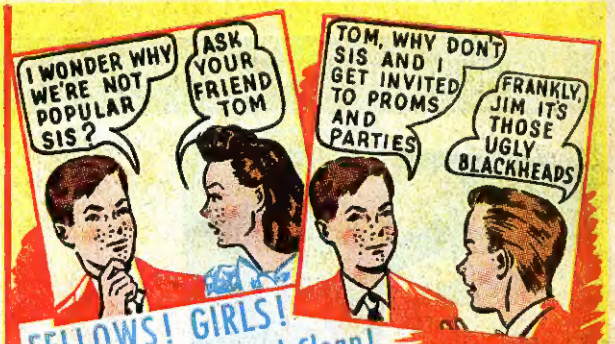
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